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#### ATTAINMENT.

"Can we reach the mount of Freedom,.
While we travel here below?
Can we cull the flowers of Wisdom,
And all Life's secrets, know?"

MRS. C. K. SMITH.
PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, Aug. 30, '02.

All life is one; why may we not Reach the mount of Freedom here? And while traveling o'er the earthway, Gather flowers rare and dear?

Must we wait for aye and ever,
'Till the vail of flesh is rent,
E'er we know on what mission
Each of us the Father sent?

Must we wait for our blessings 'Till for us earth-life is o'er, Hearing nothing of the music Of the angels just before?

Was it meant that we should weakly Yield enslavement here to earth; Groping sadly 'mid the shadows That shut out the spirit's worth?

God forbid it! We are spirit,
And may claim our treasure here,
Going ever bravely onward,
In the light of Truth so clear.

All that angels have is ours,
Meant to cheer us on the way
As we climb the mount of Vision,
Where is neither night nor day.

Ours the peace of heavenly places; Ours the strength of God and right; Ours the rest of endless ages, Working in Love's holy might.

Let us, then, in joy and gladness,
Take our own from out God's hand,
Know e'en now that He has made us
One for aye with angel band.

Thus the light that goes before us
Shall increase from day to day;
And the fullness of His presence
Mark with beauty all the way.
FLORENCE SHAW KELLOGG, Fay, Kan.

still exercising the controlling interest and being the president and manager of the concern. He was interested in mining enterprises in Nebraska, which were on a large scale. He was very popular among his business associates, especially among his employees. His people were all noted for veracity and straightforwardness.

When 29 years of age he married in the metropolis Mrs. Harriet M. (Lee) Fales. He leaves a widow, who is the president of the Westchester Woman's Club, one of the most successful clubs in the State and National Woman's Federation; president of the Westchester County Political Equality (Woman's Suffrage) Club, and treasurer of the New York State Spiritualist Association; two sons, Frank Hallock and Charles Stewart, the former a graduate and the latter an undergraduate of Harvard University; one brother, Mr. Frank Rathbun of New York, and two sisters, Mrs. Lombard of Bronxville, N.Y., and Mrs. Kipp of Mount Vernon, N.Y.

Mr. Rathbun's library was the largest private library in West-chester county. He was a Universalist in his religious affiliations, was interested in the New Thought, but was most especially a Spiritualist. Respect for the faith on the part of those otherwise entirely prejudiced against it was obtained by the personal following therein of Mr. Rathbun and his

family.
The funeral service was held

Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 10, at Willard Hall, South Third Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y., Rev. Charles H. Pennoyer, minister of the First Universalist Society of Mount Vernon; Mrs. Helen L. Russigue, a Spiritualist lecturer of Hartford, Conn., and Rev. Lyman C. Howe, a Spiritualist medium of Fredonia, N. Y., officiating. The floral offerings were many. The Mount Vernon Daily Argus says:

"There never were more lavish and elegant floral pieces seen in this city." The Produce Exchange of New York, of which Mr. Rathbun was an honored member, sent a massive wreath of English ivy, and pure white asters, which required four men to carry. The Haymarket Association sent a large floral offering. The employees of the Milton Rathbun Co. sent an open floral book of white immortelles, upon the pages of which was written in purple immortelles the last words of Mr. Rathbun while in the body: "The kernel of this world blossoms out into the glorious flower of eternity." The Westchester Woman's Club sent a beautiful wreath of white roses, carnation pinks, and lilies of the valley, with a base of Southern myrtle. There was a very large company of people at the service. There were representations from the Produce Exchange, the Haymarket Exchange, employees of the Milton Rathbun Co., from the Council and members of the Westchester Woman's Club, the Westchester County Suffrage Association, and

many prominent Spiritualists from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and as far west as Chicago, and numerous other friends and relatives of the family.

Rev. Charles H. Pennoyer, minister of the First Universalist Society of Mount Vernon, opened the service by giving the announcements, making the following remarks and offering prayer. Mr. Pennoyer said in part:

"I do not think of Mr. Rathbun as having left us; he has rather changed his place of abode. It is not as if he were gone; he is still with us. It would seem as if it might well be true that he is with us now as ever and more fully. I shall not speak of him as gone, but as among the living; not as alone in the past, but as also and rather in the present. It is not that he was, but that he is."

And this is what Mr. Rathbun would tell us if we would only listen.

With the Buddhist and Egyptian Scriptures, with Socrates and Plato, Mr. Rathbun's thought is of the body as being the dwelling place of the spirit, for time, not for eternity; with Seneca and Cicero. with Fichte and Starr King, his thought is of what we so confusedly call death as really a progress in life; with Orville Dewey and Leigh Hunt, his thought is of the authority of our spiritual natures in things spiritual; with Sophocles, his thought is that no man ought to desire longer life in this sphere than that provided for him; with Confucius and Hawthorne, his thought is that Divinity has ordered it all well; with the Hindus, with Paul and Carlyle, his thought is of the reality of the unseen; with Parker and Browning, he knew himself to be immortal, and now the better; with Zoroaster and Paul, his belief was and is that he should know and be known there as here, and with Mr. Rathbun there is no here or there; with Epictetus and Fenelon, with Herder and Whittier, with Emerson and Jesus, his trust is in the Father Spirit and Over Soul, as doing better for us and for him than we could think of doing for ourselves.

Mr. Rathbun is known as a reader of the world's best literature, and as making its best thought a part of himself. Only a few days ago I found him reading with great delight the wonderful sermons of Frederick Robertson, the great English preacher.

His belief is not in authority for truth, however, but in truth for authority. His protest is ever against mercantile standards of spiritual values, as one says it. To him, as to the Transcendentalists, "Truth is its own evidence,"

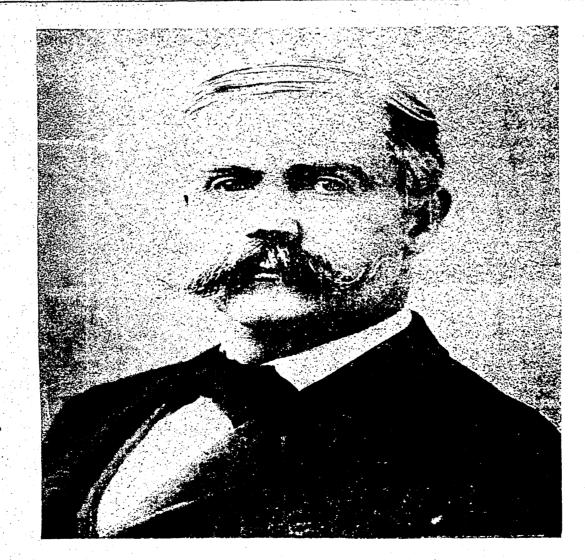


#### Milton Rathbun.

Mr. Milton Rathbun, of 18 Summit Ave., Chester Hill, Mount Vernon, N. Y., departed this life for the life beyond death, Sunday morning, Sept. 7, while, with his wife and two sons, he was visiting relatives and friends at Riverhead, Long Island, N. Y. It was not known that he was seriously ill until very near the last.

Mr. Rathbun's native place was Verona (formerly called Rathbunville), Otsego county, N. Y., where he was born Aug. 23, 1844, the son of Solomon and Hannah Rathbun. His earlier days were spent in Massachusetts. He entered as a young man the feed and grain business of Mr. Hallock in New York City, and within less than 20 years he became the owner of the business now known as the Milton Rathbun Co. situated at 454 Fourth Avenue.

Mr. Rathbun was successful in business. Only six months ago he capitalized the business for \$150,000,



Milton Rathbun, the New York Spiritualist'

"Beauty its own witness," and "Religion its own reward."

God is within us, through us. about us, and above us, the All in All. With Paul at Athens, "In him we live and move and have our being."

With the New Thought exponents, he believes in the "Power of Silence," and, in this sense, prayer was his very life and breath.

He was in early life a Hicksite Quaker, and so it was very natural that his thought should be of "the indwelling power of the soul to rise above book, priest and formulated creed, and cry to the Eternal, 'In thy light I see Light.'"

He carried this thought even further. Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life." Mr. Rathbun believes that the kingdom of God is within us; that the secret of power and growth and life, of comfort and bliss and perfection, is from within ourselves. I can, is his thought, by the help of God within me, through and about me, rise above temporal things, appetite, pleasures of this little while, imperfections, suffering and death, and feel and know myself to be immortal.

He has no creed. His simple thought is of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man; that religion is summed up in love to God and love to man. With Ballou, all minds are of one family; with Channing, "the same truths exist in all spiritual spheres, to be the law and life of all souls, and to unite them into one family and brotherhood." Salvation is through and by character, and 'character

is destiny." Mr. Rathbun's thought is of the greatness of the human soul, of its possibilities of unfoldment, of its possibilities irrespective of time and space, of its possibilities of communion with the Eternal, and of communication with all moral intelligences, and so he is a Spiritualist. It is not a belief, with him, against reason, but as altogether reasonable. The 'sweet reasonableness" to him, of his faith in the revelations of Spiritualism, is known of all. His belief is in the things which eye hath not seen nor

ear heard. He believes with Universalists and other liberal religious thinkers. in the spiritual progression of the race, and in the final harmony of all souls with God.

He knew that if the earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved. we have a building of God, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. He has been clothed upon, having a more spiritual body. First is that which is natural, and after, that which is spiritual.

His convictions are real; so real that he did not, nor did he desire to, conceal them; so real that he accepted the responsibilities of having conviction; so real that he lived and lives for them, and in them, and through them. He died in his faith. His pity is for those who have no great convictions to live for, no convictions which are a reality and comfort in the spiritual life.

He is a friend to all. If it were not for a faith that tells me he is now among the living, I should feel the loss of a friend, and of one who has helped me much. It is a friendship which I prize most highly. Many of your lives have come in touch with his life, and you have thanked God, oh, so often, that he were living, and now you do the more in that the world has been bettered therein.

The sunshine of his spirit is real and was and is felt of all His belief is in harmony, the secret of his life. His home was and is full of the spirit of harmony. His own self was and is harmony itself. The poise of his soul was and is great. His personal influence was and is serenity and peace.

This has been Mr. Rathbun's Easter-time, his resurrection morn: he is not there, he is risen; risen to fuller opportunity, greater power, larger usefulness, to higher life.

With Plutarch, let us feel that we should not come to the funeral of a good man with lamentations and mourning, but with the singing of hymns. Let us have joyful hearts, our souls uplifted in the faith which he has shown, in the hope that was his and in the love which he exemplified.

Miss Aimee, alto, of Brooklyn, N. Y, sang as a solo, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," by Harriss. Mr. A. N. Carhart of Brooklyn, N. Y., piano accompanist. Rev. Helen L. Russigue, a noted Spiritualist speaker, of Hartford, Conn., made a very strong, clear, feeling and helpful address, which was impressive. Mrs. Russigue is a speaker of power, and her words of comfort added much to make the day appear as a day of a newbirth for Mr. Rathbun. She spoke of him as a man of great industry and honesty of purpose. She closed her loving words by reading from "After Death in Arabia," from "The Light of Asia," by Edwin Arnold. Miss Aimee Horton of Brooklyn sang a solo, the favorite of Mr. Rathbun, "Lead, Kindly Light."

Mr. Lyman C. Howe, a Spiritualist lecturer who is known all over the United States and held in high esteem, who lives at Fredonia. N. Y., made the closing remarks. He had been a friend of Mr. Rathbun for 28 years, and all the while had learned to love and admire him more and more. His was an ideal manhood. His psychic influence was mighty and beautiful. The first speaker had correctly reported the world in which Mr. Rathbun had lived—yes, and as he well says still lives. It was for the second speaker and himself rather to speak words of comfort to the weeping friends. This was a material universe, indeed, but it also is a spiritual universe. Death is only an incident in life. There are no accidents. There are no accidents or failures with God. And there are no mere happenings. Without hope we are most miserable creatures.

With the Spiritualist the fact of immortality is demonstrable and known. The Spiritualist knows that immortality is a fact. Spiritualism, furthermore, is the only religion capable of scient-fic proof. The speaker then went into a trance condition. While controlled he most eloquently expressed words of comfort for the weeping listen ers. Any attempt to report Mr. Howe would utterly fail. He created a deep impression upon the audience. In the course of his remarks Mr. Howe quoted a poem by Mrs. Julia Kinney Scott from the Rose of Sharon, a Universalist publication of the fifties and sixties.

flag was at half-mast at the Haymarket Exchange on Thirty fourth St. in New York, an honor never before paid to anyone. The flag at the Produce Exchange was also at half-mast during the service.

The interment was on Thursday morning at Verona, N.Y., where the family was met by a large company, and arriving at the cemetery a relative read from "Thanatopsis," by William Cullen Bryant.

The departure of no one from that vicinity would be more widely felt by all classes of citizens. In the opinion of an eminent scientist, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, who lives in New York, the holding of this service was one of the very best things which has ever been done for that vicinity.

#### Development of Mediums.

The desire for some phase of mediumship, by which communication may be had with friends in the spirit realms, is almost universal among those who through the mediumship of another.

With this general desire has come a demand to know more accurately what mediumship consists of—just what it is that is developed in acquiring any particular phase of mediumship. Opinions upon this question are diverse and plentiful; indeed it would be difficult to find any two students of the subject who are in entire agreement.

The statements made in this paper, therefore, must be regarded simply as the opinion of the writer at this time of writing, and like the opinions of all students, subject to modification and change at any time. In fact, they may be very materially modified by the discussion that is to follow.

Let me begin, then, by asserting it as my firm conviction that mediums are born not made; that no one can become a medium for any particular phase unless he or she possess the necessary physical, mental and spiritual qualities appertaining to that particular phase; that the possession of these qualities is the result of heredity and of pre-natal conditions. It is claimed by many students that every one is possessed of what are usually termed mediumistic qualities. I will agree that "there is a light that lighteth every nian that cometh into the world." I will admit that no one is launched out upon the sea of conscious existence without at least "one talent," which may be to him as a pole star in this voyage of life on the material plane. But I do maintain that no one can be a clairvoyant, for example. unless he or she is physically and men tally constituted to become such, any more than one who is color-blind can become an artist, or one without the faculties of time or tune can become a musician. Mediumship is not a power gratuitously bestowed upon the individual by higher intelligence, except through the avenue of heredity and prenatal conditions. Its development, therefore, must be a growth, and cannot be the result of the manipulations of any so-called developing medium or his guides. What folly, then to pay so much per sitting for the privilege of being a member of a professedly developing circle. Truly, you may get some development that way, but you should get far more in your own home circle where everything is harmonious. Would you study art by sitting in the presence of an artist? Would you become a mathematician by spending the evening in the company of a professor? True, the natural artist, one richly endowed with the artistic talent possessing an unusual natural development of those brain areas that are necessary to the artist, may acquire something by simply watching another paint. The teacher in art does not make his pupil an artist. He can only lead the student in a line of study and During the hour of service, the revercise that will develope—make grow -in him such artistic talent as he may possess.

The mathematical master can only assist in the production of a mathematician by leading his pupil along a course of study and mental exercise that will develope to the maximum those powers of calculation and reasoning which such student may naturally possess.

In my opinion it is irrational and absurd to regard mediumship in any other light. Its development must be conducted along similar lines and assisted in a similar way.

Upon this hypothesis, then, what is the rational course of action to pursue to prepare one's self for and to develope mediumship?

Now, again reminding you that these statements are only the present opinions of a student and subject to continual modification, I will give in general terms my present ideas seriatim—not that the order of sequence is arranged according to importance, but simply for convenience in presentation.

I. Pursue a line of study and reading that will tend to dévelope the intellect and produce the habit of exalted thinking, engendering unselfish views and the perception of the fact that the true motives of life are expressed in altruism. Because by so doing we attract to ourselves spirits of like character and thereby come in closer touch with those who dwell in the more advanced spheres of spiritual existence, and the message conveyed from them through our instrumentiality will benefit the race. We should seek the assistance of those whose development in spirit life is the highest we are capable of comprehending and appreciating. This tends to our own further devolpment and assists in the work which these beneficent angels of light are ever striving to carry forward, viz., the elevation and advancement of humanity.

2. Especial attention should be given to the study of psychology in its various branches, and the physiology of the brain and nervous system. Because the better we understand the powers of the mind and will, the more intelligently may we apply them to the purposes of self development—the more intelligently can we select methods and exercises to promote such self development. Because the more clearly one perceives the conditions of mind and body required to cnable the spirit world to use one's organism, the more readily can one assume those conditions and place one's organism as an instrument in good working order for the use of Spirit Guides.

Because the better we understand the sensations produced by psychic influence, and the psychic laws as applied to ourselves, the better are we prepared to guard ourselves and preclude at will the use of our organisms by undesirable influences. I consider this a very important part of the medium's education, for we must realize the fact that the grosser and less developed spirit intelligences are nearer to and in closer rapport with mundane conditions than are those advanced ones whose guidance is of value to us and to the world.

We must not forget the fact that this nearness and greater similarity of condition gives to these undeveloped spirits more power to come in touch with earth conditions, and it is only by a proper training, and a comprehension of psychic torce, that the medium may co-operate with the higher intelligence to the exclusion of such undesirable influences. Ignorance of these facts is a constant menace to the developing medium.

Because by knowing what brain areas and nerve centres are especially used by the operating intelligences in any particular phase of mediumship, we are the better prepared and able to judge of and select the proper methods and exercises to employ to develop these necessary physical conditions.

3. Temperate and regular habits of living I also regard as essential to the progress of development of psychic powers. The application of the term temperate is here employed in its widest sense. Indeed, I regard over-eating or the giving way to anger, excitement or worry are far more retarding in their effect upon development of mediumship than the occasional one, over indulgence in strong drink. It is a fact that has been scientifically demonstrated that anger and states of mental excitement or depression have a marked effect upon. the physical organism, producing a chemicalization in the blood and gland secretions of a poisonous nature. Experience has shown me that the giving way to these unhappy and pernicious mental conditions very seriously interferes with the operations of the spirit intelligences. I have known seances to prove utter failures when I could find no other cause for unfavorable conditions. I am of the opinion that it takes longer for the physical body to rid itself of the poisonous effects of a paroxysm of anger than to overcome the results of intoxication.

The student must look for facts and not be swayed by sentiment. It is well known that it is the custom among some Eastern peoples to produce the trance condition by means of artificial stimutation of the physical. Therefore, while I regard the abstaining altogether from the use of intoxicants and tobacco as necessary for the highest development of psychic powers, it is not that getting drunk will prevent your being a medium, but because the indulgence of any carnal habit is so apt to produce a physical condition that will prove attractive to those undeveloped and undesirable spirit influences before referred to. Because instances are plentiful where influences so attracted have the ascendancy and gradually crowded out all others and dragged their medium down to their own level.

4. Ascertain as soon as possible what phase of mediumship you are best adapted for. Just here real difficulties come in and many mistakes are made, resulting in long delays and often discouragement. We know how difficult it is to select the occupation for which we are best fitted, and we are in possession of much more knowledge bearing upon that question than the one under consideration. Patient perserverance, however, will ultimately be rewarded.

Having selected the phase you think, after due deliberation, you are best adapted for, sit steadily for the purpose of developing such phase. Exercise your own will force and ask for the assistance of your spirit friends to accomplish your purpose and patiently persevere until you have reached success or ascertained that your efforts are being misdirected.

It is much to be regretted that more is not known concerning the methods and exercises to follow in the development of mediumship. There is plenty of evidence to justify the conclusion that the so-called heathen of eastern lands are far ahead of us in the west in this branch of higher education. It is unfortunate, too, that so much of their knowledge is hidden behind the tyled doors of secret organizations. There are a few facts, however, that I think may be taken as fairly well demonstrated, namely:

That the best place for the development of mediumship is in the home circle, composed of but a few people who are in harmonious accord in sentiment and desire.

That some method of exercise to produce concentration of the mind is necessary. Looking steadily at a crystal, a glass of water, a spot on a white surface, and singing, are methods usually adopted. If you are sitting in the dark, or semi-darkness, you are restricted to the last named method and such mental exercises as may be helpful. A study of hypnotism will make one familiar with some of these mental exercises. The singing should be of a monotonous character—more like a chant. Any song that requires an effort of will to remember either tune or words will produce a positive condition, whereas the concentred condition is one of passivity.

It is sometimes beneficial to raise the rate of vibration of the sitters. This may be done without exciting a positive condition by rythmical movements in tune with the singing or chanting. The whirling dervisites produced their state to every one. More persons will be able of ecstacy in this way.

vocating the horse shoe conformation, others the circle proper. Personally prefer the complete circle with a small table in the centre, for developing; that is, the horseshoe is perhaps the better form for physical manifestations after a certain amount of development has been acquired.

If you patiently persevere and are actuated by an earnest desire to benefit humanity, you will soon attract to you spirit intelligences who will assist and guide you in your development, the details of which are largely of an individual nature, subject to the variations of circumtances and environment.—The Sermon.

#### Mental Telegraphy.

Communication that makes Marconi's wireless telegraphy seem crude and cum bersome in comparison, is the aim of successfully conducted experiments that are being made by the Society of Psychical Research in New York, Washington and elsewhere in America and in Europe.

Among its members are some of the foremost scientific men of the world. For years it has devoted itself to the thorough, patient and exact investigation of mental phenomena which have puzzled mankind since the beginning of

It has had much to do with establishing the therapeutic value of hypnotism and to secure its recognition on a scientific basis. Now it is devoting its energies toward establishing that most important factor in the advance of civilization—quick communication.

In brief, the members of the society have proved that it is possible for one person to communicate with another instantaneously without the use of wires or elaborate apparatus, independent of all atmospheric and material conditions.

Thus far it has been demonstrated that persons can communicate with each other at a distance of 500 miles, and there is little doubt that these wonderful messages could be sent around the world.

No electricity is required for the transmission of these messages. In its place is used concentrated mind force, and the time occupied in transmitting a message is the time occupied in thinking about

#### QUICKER THAN LIGHTNING

The difference between that and ordinary communication is the difference Letween sending a cablegram from New York and Yokahama and merely thinking of these two places.

R. Osgood Mason, A. M., M. D., fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, a member of the Society for Psychical Research, author of "Telepathy and the Subliminal Self," "Hypnotism and Suggestion," and one of the foremost authorities on these subjects in America, said yesterday to a writer for the Sunday World-Magazine

"There is not the slightest doubt that there is systematic communication between individuals by other than the generally recognized methods. Experiments have been going forward for years, and if the progress made has been slow, it is nevertheless sure.

"The time will come when certain persons will be able to communicate with each other, no matter how widely apart they may be, with the same freedom, the same copiousness that characterize actual conversation. These fortunate individuals will have no need of mails nor of the telegraph. Simply by the exercise of their own will power they will be able to say whatever they please to the absent one with the certainty that they will be as well understood as if the recipient were within the sound of the voice.

"This privilege will not be granted. to send mental messages than to receive There has been such discussion as to them. I should say at a rough guess, the better form for the circle, some ad- that not more than one person in fifty

has a sufficiently sensitive mind to be able to understand the telepathic mess-

"Whether or not this method of communication can ever have a practical commercial value I am not prepared to say. It is still in its infancy, and although it now seems improbable, he would be a rash man who would dare to say that it cannot be made of material use."

Sir William Crookes, one of the foremost British scientists, and sometimes called the prince of British chemists, inventor of the Crookes tube, which made the discovery and practical use of the X-ray possible, and of the radimoter; discoverer of thallium and former president of the Society for Psychical Research, has taken a more advanced ground. In a recent interview he prophesied that it would be possible before many years to send messages by purely mental force at the will of the thinker.

Like everything else this wonderful power is capable of development, and there is little doubt that minds can be so trained as to make the thought transference more exact and more generally effective.

Some experiments are able to do away with all apparatus.

The important factors are the people themselves—a transmitter, or agent, wh must be a person of very positive mine with unusual powers of concentration and a receiver of percipient who has: mind that is very sensitive to all impressions, which the possessor has the power of reducing to a passive state at will. The experiments that have been made seem to show that as a rule men make the best transmitters and women the best percipients, but this isn't by any means a hard and fast rule.

A black screen is placed in a dark room and on this is arranged white cardboard about a foot in diameter, on which is written or drawn the word or figure which it is designed shall be transmitted. A stereopticon lantern projects a circle of intense white upon the disc. The transmitting agent, sitting at a convenient distance, places before his eyes a conical tube, like a megaphone with an enlarged mouthpiece, which shuts out from his view any objects that might be visible from the reflected rays.

These things are simply to aid the agent in concentrating his mind upon the word or drawing to be transmittedto assist him in visualizing it, to use the phrase of the scientific men. It isn't enough for him merely to see it, to be conscious of its presence. He must take in every part of it, feel that it is stamped upon his mind, so that if he should close his eves he would still see it.

The receiver is placed in another room to avoid any suggestion of an understanding or of collusion. His eyes are bandaged and care is taken that he shall not be able to see even a ray of light which might tend to distract his attention. And for the same reason quiet is essential.

As a rule the printing or drawing on the disc is made by a third person, and neither the receiver nor the agent can have any previous idea of the message that is placed before them.

After concentrating his gaze upon the disc for a few minutes the agent feels his mind become a blank except for the bject before him. It seems to make up his whole mental universe. If the agent closes his eyes and then walks into a lighted room before opening them he stills sees the object at which he gazed so intently, but the black has become white and the white a smoky gray. By gaslight the whole appears bluish, approaching purple, and the black a luminous yellow.

Sometimes the percipient receives the message almost instantaneously, but that privilege is enjoyed only by an experienced one with a particularly sensitive mind that he can reduce to a condition of almost absolute passivity.

IMAGE CLEARLY SEEN. He first sees wavy clouds, faintly luminous, which are followed by a pale bluish light, with a very bright centre upon which the word or drawing ap-

pears with a distinctness governed by

his experience and receptivity.

If it be the first attempt of the percipient he may not see the image at all or it may appear for a second and then disappear. But if he and the agent be expert the image will be large and uninous. Although it may appear only for a second or two at a time it will reappear several times.

If the message transmitted is a word, of course the receiver merely calls it out, but if it be a figure, and usually a geometric one is employed, the bandage is removed from the eyes of the percipient and he draws what he has seen. Sometimes he fails because he did not see the figure distinctly, sometimes because he cannot remember what he saw. Some of the figures thus reproduced are amazingly interesting, especially the part failures, which show that the percipient had a glimmering of the original figure.

Colors are transmitted with ease when the agents can succed in visualizing them successfully. In fact they seem to be easier to transmit than anything else, unless it be the sense of taste. The receiver seems to be more affected by the taste of salt or anything unpleasant than ' the agent is.

As the agent and the percipient grow more expert and experienced mechanical aids are dispensed with altogether and distance does not particularly affect the communication, although there are some obstacles which have not been identified to the transmission of "brain waves," as Sir William Crookes calls them.

These experiments are really telepathy or thought transference, or mind reading, for the principle of communication is the same, no matter by what name it is called. There are hundreds and thousands of authenticated cases of the mysterious influence of one mind over another to the extent of making the subject mind understand a message.

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Dr.J.M. Peebles was tendered a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallis in London on Sept. 3. Many of the prominent Spiritualists were present, including the editor of Light, Mr. E. Dawson Rogers, who made an address containing several interesting reminiscences. After remarks from several present, Dr. Peebles replied in a very happy speech, in which he said that he had been a Spiritualist for over 50 years; had been around the world four times; was as ardent and firmly convinced a Spiritualist as ever, and expected to work for truth for many years to come. Mr. Green, his secretary and companion. made a few interesting remarks, and a very enjoyable evening terminated with cordial good wishes to the travelers from all assembled.

London is in possession of a veritable Messiah in the person of J.H. Pigott. He was once a clergyman of the Church of England, has traveled around the world, been a gold digger in California, a coffee planter in Ceylon, but is now duly installed as the veritable messiah among the Agapemonites in London. What the world wants is not one or a few messiahs, but a great multitude, for people are beginning to see that each one must become a savior to save himself and thus redeem the race. The days of a single savior or redeemer are fast passing away, and some day even the remembrance of them will be forgotten.

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#### How to be Well and Good.

There are lots of people who do not seem to be able to comprehend any method of obtaining health, even though they desire so much to attain its full enjoyment. We are well aware of the difficulties in the way, because we have been in that condition for three years or more, and until lately have been unable to surmount the difficulty. When in a debilitated condition, suffering the horrors of physical disquietude or dis ease, it seemed impossible to be able to rise above it, and to assert the supremacy of mind over matter, and to compel the physical to respond to the will of the ego, and thus obtain and enjoy health of body. But it can be done. In our case, it is done, by the aid of the spirit-world. The mental powers must be directed in the right channel to lead the physical into a responsive condition. This is forcibly illustrated by the following from the Medical Brief:

There was once a chronic invalid who tried in vain to find some nervine or quieting medicine through which he could get rest and sleep, but he sought in vain for many weeks. One day his wife was shelling peas near him, and a sudden impulse seized him to assist her in shelling the peas. He was bolstered up in the easy chair, and, to his wife's surprise, asked the privilege of helping her. Before he had finished the task, he felt a soothing weariness and a natural inclination to sleep, for the first time in many weeks.

Every day after that he set about to do something to assist others. He helped about the house, about the yard, and in the stable. Every day he took the medicine of doing some useful thing, and discontinued all other medicine. It was this sort of thing that cured him promptly and permanently.

The same might be said of those people who are trying to be good. The habit of introspection or spending time in regret for past misconduct will never lead anyone to goodness. The way to be good is to do good. Commence doing good things; forget the past; don't try to be anything but natural. Do the helpful thing, and you will be led to a normal state of mind and body.

The Smart Set, often called the social 400, in New York, have been characterized by Col. Henry Watterson as a nest of unclean birds; but they are probably no worse than members of society in other grades. Riches gave them an opportunity of doing good, and if they embrace it, it would redound to their well-being, both in this life and that which is to come; but, alas! only a few of those who have riches allow themselves time enough to think, either about the good in the present or future. The fact is that thinkers—those who dwell in the spirit, who develop the soul powers, are usually not rich. They have no time to devote to the gaining of riches. Occasionally, of course, a windfall comes to such, but it soon fritters away, or is used in doing good to

others, relieving distress and helping forward humanitarian and educational enterprises. Col. Watterson should not be too severe on the '400"; there are millions of others with the same propensities, but without the power to manifest outwardly the characteristics which he condemns.

#### Think Only of the Good.

In order to make life the more sweet and profitable, we should try and look only on the bright side; to try to forget all we can of the disagreeable things, and, if possible, to even obliterate the record in our memory. To forget is a duty as well as a privilege. The following from the Radiant Centre is quite appropriate, and we commend it to all:

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget all the slanders you have ever heard. Forget the temptations. Forget the fault finding, and give a little thought to the cause which provoked it. Forget the peculiarities of your friends and only remember the good points which make you fond of them. Forget all personal quarrels or histories you may have heard by accident, and which, if repeated, would seem a thousand times worse than they are.

Blot out, as far as possible, all the disagreeables of life; they will come, but they will only grow larger when you remember them, and the constant thought of the acts of meanness, or, worse still, malice, would only tend to make you more familiar with them. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday, start out with a clean sheet for to day, and write upon it for sweet memory's sake only those things which are lovely and lovable.

Mrs. Rachel Wolcott of Baltimore, Md., who for the past 17 years has been the settled pastor of the First Spiritual Society there, has passed to the higher life after almost a full year of suffering from that painful malady, carcinoma. She was a familiar figure at the camp-meetings in that region and had resided in Baltimore for over 40 years. She was an earnest and inspirational speaker, and by her frankness and devotion to the Cause she had many admirers.

The Spiritualists of Baltimore and vicinity have suffered a great loss in her transition. She was a firm believer in organization, and from the very first has been an earnest friend of the National Association. She is survived by two sisters and six nieces. Her husband passed away many years ago in New Mexico, a victim of the Indian uprising. She was the embodiment of love and always had a good word for every one. She was 72 years of age at the time of her transition.

The funeral services were held at her late residence, 817 No. Fremont St., Baltimore, and were conducted by Mr. Harrison D. Barrett, editor of the *Banner of Light*,

#### Mme. Montague is Coming.

To show how English Spiritualists appreciate the labors of this gifted speaker and medium, we copy the following item from *Light*, dated Aug. 2:

It was with deep dismay I heard of the probable early departure from our shores of that highlygifted lady, Mme. Florence Montague. How helpful, sympathetic and ennobling her teaching has been! a kindly leading light through seasons of sorrow, loss and adversity into a sunshine of the spirit, which, if it has not raised us from earth, has certainly raised us above our troubles and perplexities, and lifted us nearcr the realization of Heaven. I wish to urge that every possible opportunity (in the limited time remaining) may now be given for meetings, more especially those wellknown and highly-prized Wednesday evening sittings—not only in the interest of those still in town. but also for the many who are now abroad, and who might not otherwise know of our loss until too late. -J.D.S.

Also in *Light* dated Aug. 30 we find the following very sympathetic and appreciative letter, which will be read with interest by her many friends in America:

To Mme. Montague: God speed you on your journey o'er the broad Atlantic waves; and may you carry with you for others in the vast land to which you go, the same sweet message of love and sympathy you have in many hearts implanted in our little sea-girt isle.

Many left behind will wish you joy and great success in your new efforts for others' good and loving thoughts will follow you in your work across the sea.

We, in God's good time, look to welcome you again on England's shores. Till then our prayers go out for you to the All-loving Father, that He will guide and protect you where'er you may be led; granting you here on earth fulness of joy, and in the Great Beyond everlasting happiness.—S.S.

Mme. Montague intends to take the steamer for America on Oct. 15, arriving in Canada about Oct. 21, but she will not be in California much before the early Spring months.

Col. Hopkins, a well-known citizen of San Francisco before passing to the life beyond, first. suggested the creation of the Hopkins Propaganda Fund, through John Brown, the "medium of the Rockies." Not seeing that it was supported as liberally as it should be, last Sunday he appealed to Mr. Jones (as will be seen on page 8) to awaken an interest in this Fund, created to furnish the JOURNAL to those unable to pay for it, and for propaganda work. The list this week shows an awakening. The time has come for a spiritual revival, and all should take hold of the work in earnest.

D.W. Hull has been engaged by the First Spiritualist Church of Tacoma, Wash., for three months, and will therefore be unable to visit California as soon as he had promised. He hopes to be able to be in California by the holidays.

#### The Reviewer.

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Among the interesting articles in the Arena for October, James Allman considers Russia as a Social Factor, and B. O. Flower contributes the second paper of his series on The Divine Quest. Eugene Del Mar discusses Individual Freedom. Saved by a Panther is the title of a thrilling story by W. J. Colville. Editor Flower's departments of Topics of the Times and Books of the Day are of more than usual interest. Editor Mc-Lean announces that Archdeacon Glover, of Oregon, will contribute an article on The Personal Power of the President to the November number. 25 cents. Alliance Pub. Co., Fifth Ave., New York.

The Bible Review is the new name applied to what was formerly the Occult and Biological Journal, published by the Esoteric Fraternity, Applegate, Cal., at \$1.50 a year. It contains 40 pages and is devoted to the unveiling of what has been considered to be the mysteries of the Bible, interpreting them in harmony with the Occult Philosophy.

The Review of Religions is the title of a new monthly published at Gurdaspur, Punjab, India, at \$1.00 a year. The contents of the August number are: The Object of Man's Life in this World and the Means of its Attainment; Mr. Waugh and the Review of Religions; Muslim Resuscitation and the Means by Which it can be Brought About.

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Whether of joy or agonizing pain— Each act of kindness from the soul of love.

Or aspiration to some power above, Is well recorded in the light of day, And all must read when freed from mor-

Now I behold! and vast the scene is spread, And years by thousands are recorded fled,

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And farther still where crags in distance pale; Then rocky cliff and the half-hidden

But dismal gloom reigns o'er these sol-

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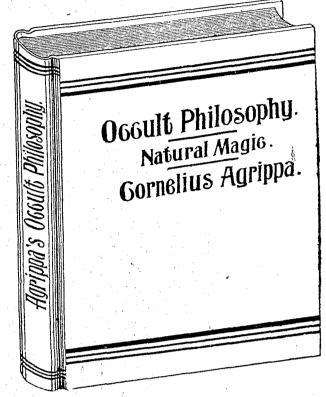
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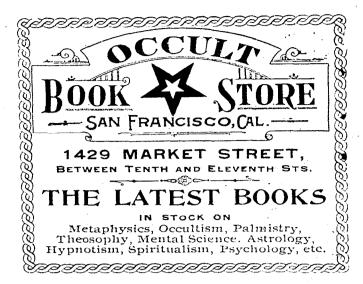
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Mrs. Ada Foye is yet located, and is still giving readings in her parlors, 1423 Market St., San Francisco.

The Board of Directors of the California State Spiritualists' Association will hold a meeting on Saturday evening, Oct. 4, at headquarters, 305 Larkin St., and will consider many questions affecting the welfare of California Spiritualists. W.T.Jones, Sec.

Sunflower League.—An important meeting of this League was held on Thursday evening, Oct. 2, at the residence of President Gillespie, 748 O'Farrell St. Several new members were received and great interest was manifested

Mrs. C. Wermouth, at 117 Larkin St., last Sunday, gave convincing tests, spirit messages and psychometric readings. The audience was favored with singing and music by Miss Lottie Dwyer.

The Progressive Lyceum had an enjoyable session last Sunday. There was a large attendance, and the calisthenics (consisting of the new drill introduced by the State Organizer) were practiced under the leadership of Miss Mary Hitchcox. The children were delighted with the drill, as well as with the march with the American flags and the Lyceum banners, and the elder attendants all joined in voting it one of the most enjoyable programs ever carried out by the Lyceum. Mrs. Anna E. Wadsworth, as usual, acted as conductor. Mrs. Cooke presided at the organ; Mr. C. H. Wadsworth led in the singing, and Mr. W.T. Jones read a beautiful and thoughtful poem. There were several brief addresses by friends and visitors, and a dialogue was recited by Miss Leo Jacoby and Miss IdaFoulsham. The Lyceum has never done better work than it is doing now, and the future is filled with bright prospects. Let every one who can be present next Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

The Mystic Sale heretofore announced to be held by the Ladies' Aid Society of San Francisco, has been postponed to the first week in November. Place and time will be announced here-

The Work of State Organizer Allen Franklin Brown goes on with results gratifying to the State Association.

The Lyceum organized in Oakland on Sunday, Sept. 21, in connection with the Union Spiritual Society, started with a membership of about 35 children and as many adults, and will undoubtedly prove a great addition to the State Association

On Tuesday, Sept. 23, Mr. Brown went to Stockton, from whence he writes very encouraging reports. He says: "Since coming here I made over 20 calls the first day, and have averaged 15 calls a day since; so you may safely say I have made 65 calls in the interest of the State work. On Wednesday night I lectured at the home of Mr. Orlando F. Ryerson to 25 people; on Thursday night at the home of Mr. Lewis Weatherwax to 30, and on Friday night at the home of Mr. Fred Hardy to 40.

"On Saturday night about 25 met at Jury's Hall on Webber St. and organized the Stockton Spiritualist Alliance, with 18 names on the roll. The following were elected officers: Fred Hardy, president; Mrs. Crawford, vice-president; Orlando F. Ryerson, secretary; Lewis Weatherwax, treasurer, and Mrs. Josephine Bacheldor, trustee.

"It was voted unanimously to obtain a charter from the State Association." Mr. Brown addressed two meetings at

Mr. Brown addressed two meetings at Jury's Hall on Sunday, one at 2:30 and the other at 7:30 p.m. He will stay in Stockton for a brief time. completing as far as possible the work already begun there, and then return to San Francisco.

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He says in conclusion: "The officers of the Stockton Spiritualist Alliance are considering a mass convention, and, as they are business people, if they ask for it they will do their part."

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Mr. Brown will probably be in San Francisco in time for the meeting of the Board of Directors of the State Association on Saturday night, in which case he will be present at the Progressive Lyceum of this city on Sunday morning and the Oakland Lyceum in the afternoon.

J. MUNSELL CHASE.

The Oakland Spiritualists' Temple concert last Sunday was a grand success. Sunday, Oct. 5, 2:30 p.m., conference and development circle; 7:45 p.m., Mrs. Hoocker McAvoy and Mrs. Annie W. Gillette will occupy the rostrum.

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Prof. and Mmc. Young have moved to their elegant residence in Alameda (Webster station), where private seances will hereafter be given. Public meetings will be held on Friday evenings until further notice, at the Wigwam, at Webster station, Alameda. Meetings will be held as usual at 605 McAllister St., San Francisco, on Thursdays and Sundays.

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Mrs. Eberhardt gave spirit messages to a good audience last Sunday evening, at 3250 22nd St., San Francisco.

The Oakland Spiritual Society met at Unity Hall, 856½ Isabella St., on Sept. 24, Vice-President Orth presiding. Mrs. Rebecca Stewart opened the meeting with an invocation, Dr. Sol Palinbaum, and Mrs. C. Stewart gave spirit messages. Mrs. L. E. Drake and Mrs. R. Stewart gave addresses. Vox.

The Hermetic Brotherhood resumes open meetings on Thursday evening, Oct. 2, at 8 o'clock, at 509 Van Ness Ave. Come and see. 40t8

#### Letter from Mrs. M. E. Hammer.

Perhaps there were some in the convention who noticed my absence and might think I was indifferent to our noble cause. I wish to assure any friends who gave it a thought, and especially to those who kindly gave me recognition as an honorary delegate to the State Spiritualists' Convention, that my deepest feelings have always been enlisted in the advancement of Spiritualism through State and national organization, the best forces working in unity for the good of the Cause. I anticipated great pleasure in being at the convention, but was called away by a telegram announcing the serious illness of my father. I hastened on a three days' journey to his side, to our old home in Arlington, Neb. I was in time to look upon his beloved and silent form and be with my aged mother in the sad re-

moval of her great support and comfort. My parent, J. A. Muthank, was aged 83 and had been a consistent Spiritualist for over 40 years. We had the great pleasure of giving him a genuine spiritual discourse through the instrumentality of Jennie Hagen Brown, a noble medium, who, fortunately for us, was near, attending a camp-meeting in Iowa. She and the angel-world hade the heartfelt thanks of all the family for the beautiful words spoken and comfort given on that occasion. Yours for the best good to all, MRS.M.E. HAMMER.

#### Letter from Mrs. B. F. Small.

The Journal speaks of our being at White Sulphur Springs, and I want to tell something about them. They are two miles from St. Helena in a little valley which might be made a Garden of Eden. This place was once the most popular resort in California; but the nne buildings were burned twice, leaving many cottages, however, and now quite a good hotel has again been erectedthat is where we are located. The attraction is the water-said to be the best medicine on earth—and such baths! no one could imagine their superior. For campers there are cottages—that is, they are houses with floors and stoveat a nominal cost. It is beautiful herefine climate, running brooks, clear, sweet, cold mountain spring water and an abundance of shad.

Mr. Small is industriously engaged in resting—has found he needs that more than anything else. We find the need of a servant here, and a team would conduce much to our pleasure. I do not forget that next Wednesday, Oct. 1, the Ladies' Aid Society (pride of my heart) holds an election of officers. Being away, Mr. Small and I desire to thus express our good wishes for the new President and Board. With congratulations, we hope that with new blood and fresh officers the "Aid" will prosper as never before.

MRS.B.F.SMALL.

Mrs. R.S. Lillie lectured last Sunday evening for the Progressive Spiritualists in Covenant Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, San Francisco, Cal., upon the subject of what Spiritualism has accomplished during the past half century. It was a brilliant effort full of inspiration and encouragement, and she concluded

with an improvised poem of rare beauty.

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie being present,
was called upon, and gave a short but
encouraging address, giving some reminiscences of the work during the past few
years Mr. Lilich presided and Mrs.
Cooke was organist.

New Meetings will commence next Sunday. See notices under the heading of "Societies and Meetings."

Col. Hopkins' Fund.-It was my privilege and pleasure on Sunday, Sept. 28, to attend what is known as Mother Sadie's etherealizing and materializing seance at Mr. C. V. Miller's home, 1084 Bush St. It is not my purpose at this time to describe the wonderful manifestations of forms, which were readily and unmistakably recognized by their friends and relatives. I wish to bear testimony to two forms representing themselves as Col. Hopkins, for many years a well-known citizen of San Francisco, and James G. Clark, the "poet singer," so well known East and West and remembered for the good he has done. Both of them recognized and greeted me. Col. Hopkins made this request of me: That at the close of the seance I take up a collection for the Hopkins propaganda fund and to explain to the audience the object of it and why it should be maintained. This was complied with. At the close of the seance, with the assistance of several ladies, there was placed in my hands \$11.35. See names of donors under proper heading in another column. W.T.Jones.

#### Societies and Meetings

#### Society of Progressive Spiritualists

Holds regular meetings every Sunday evening at 7:30, in Covenant Hall, on the third floor of the Odd Fellows' Building, corner of Seventh and Market Sts. Mrs. R. S. Lillie is engaged as the speaker for the present season.

Mrs. Ada Foye.—Meetings for spirit messages and tests every Sunday evening at 7:30 in Prospect Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, corner of Seventh and Market Sts. Fourth floor; take elevator.

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie will open a season of lectures in Fraternal Hall, Alcazar Building, O'Farrell St., San Francisco, beginning Sunday evening, Oct. 5, 1902. You are cordially invited to come and bring your friends. Lecture begins at 7:45 p.m. Good music. Second floor, front; take elevator.

Ladies' Aid Society business and social meetings every Wednesday at 2 p.m. in headquarters of the State Association, 305 Larkin St. Take elevator.

Children's Progressive Lyceum meets every Sunday morning at 909 Market St., San Francisco, at 10:30. Free spiritual library. Visitors welcome. C. H. Wadsworth.

The Independent Free Thought Bible Spiritualist Society meets at 909 Market St., S.F., (front hall), every Sunday. 11 a.m. meeting, free. 2 & 8 p.m., spirit messages by local mediums. 10c.

Dr. Keel r lectured for the Union Society, Oakland, Sunday, Sept. 28, taking for his subject, "Environments and Conditions." The large audience present seemed well pleased. Dr Stewart and Mrs. Johnson occupied the platform in the evening. Sunday, Oct. 5, at 3 p.m., the subject for discussion will be, "The Best Method for the Advancement of our Cause," with Mrs. Fanning as the opening speaker. Messages and tests by local mediums. Mrs. Norris and Mrs. Stewart will occupy the platform in the evening.

Test Circles are given every evening at 335 McAllister St., San Francisco, by Mrs.C.J.Meyer.

Mme. Young's test seance last Sunday evening was well attended. Mrs. Sarah Seal gave an inspired lecture, and Mme. Young gave convincing spirit messages.

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#### OCTOBER.

Every day in brown October Brings its blessings bountiful; Scenes to charm the artist rover, Sketching paintings beautiful; Nuts to tempt the pretty squirrels, Out from secret hiding place; Plenty ends their little quarrels, As they frisk at rapid pace. Children share the toothsome dainties, For they gather nuts to crack, Storing them for Winter parties, Lest for jolly fun they lack.

Hail October, brown October, Olosing scene of Summer's play! Rich in ripened beauty ever, Garbed in festival array, 'Tis with yearning hearts we greet thee, Thou to us such joy doth bring, Ere November overtakes thee, We to thee thy praises sing. Thou art richer than thy sisters, Gleaning is thy privilege; Not to profit by thy labors Would, indeed, be sacrilege.

All mankind doth pay thee honor

As they grasp with eager hands Gifts of pearl that thou, the donor, Strewest wide on mercy's sands. Man—to thee October teacheth Lessons thou shouldst learn to day; He her praise shall share who beedeth, And with triumph shall hold sway Over death when Life's October Shall have passed away serene: When the night of life is over, Pearly gifts, then, he shall glean. Through the dreary days of Winter, While all nature seems asleep, Comfort hath mementoes lent her, And her heart with joy doth leap At the sight of well-filled store-rooms That would make her life complete; But for contrast as an heirloom Of man's way so indiscreet,
Pity spreads her mantle over
Those who are of food deprived;

May the ways of sweet October Be in every way long-lived. Should a motive mercenary Spur man on to selfish deeds? Better of such crime be wary, While he sees another's needs; Let him scatter every morsel Needed not by him alone, Lest his life become a fossil And his heart be turned to stone. Dare no longer hoard Earth's treasures! Love will soon begin her reign! Then the money-changer's measures Shall return to man again.

MRS. CHARLES H. TOBY. \*BORDERLAND\*-

# Was it Presentiment?

It was the habit of Schiller and Goethe to send each other letters of greeting at the opening of each year. On New Year's Day, 1805, Goethe, on glancing at the letter he had written, saw that he had dated it "The Last New Year." He at once tore the sheet, and, beginning another, found to his dismay that he could scarcely resist the impulse to write "The Last New Year" again.

With all his enlightenment, there was in Goethe, as in most people,

a touch of superstition; and he told Frau von Stein that he had a presentiment that in the course of the year either he or Schiller would die. On May 9,1805, Schiller, with his wife and children at his bedside, fell into his last sleep. Thus passed the great poet, the friend of Goethe and Von Humboldt.

#### Apparition 300 Years ago.

After reading some accounts of apparitions in the *Literature* of Dec. 4 I took down my copy of "Saducismus Triumphatus" and found written therein the story which I sub-

"The relation of an apparition yt appeared to Francis Arthur on

Monday, ye 27 day of Feb., 1721, in ye ch. of Pawlet, near Bridgewater, Somersett, viz: Francis Arthur says yt being in ye Vestry ye aforesaid day with his schollars between ye hours of nine and ten in ye morning, there was a noise made at ye vestry door, as if one did beat against it with his fist, & yt ye same was repeated several times, but louder and louder till at last it was very loud, so ye children began to fancy there was somebody in the church. At last Francis Arthur opened ye door & went into ye Ch., and when he had gone as far as ye Minister's reading Pew he saw as it were people go out at ye great door of ye Ch., and by ye Russling noise they seemed to be pretty many; they

seemed to be men and women, but he cannot say yt he knew any one of them. At ye time these were going out he saw just by him ye spirit of a person whom he very well knew, wh. seeing him affraid spoke to him and desired him not to fear for he would do him no harm. The same spirit bade him have faith in God, and exhorted the said Francis to lead a good life and further wished that Francis had come into ye church sooner, for he (ye Apparition) had been preaching ye Gospel to some of ye saints, and that his time was now expired and so he must be gone, and then vanished out of his sight.

"This a true relation of ye apparition yt I saw in the Church of Pawlet on Monday, ye 27th of Feb. last, as witness my hand, and which I am ready to confirm by my oath.—Francis Arthur.

(Original).

"This is a copy of ye relation taken from ye mouth of Francis Arthur by Mr. Werge, ye present vicar of Pawlet, and given to one James Tuthill.

"Fr. Arthur has ye reputation of a quiet, honest and religious man in ye parish."

James Tuthill's name is on the title page of the volume from which this extract is taken.

The editor of the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL is well acquainted with the old church building mentioned and has been in it several times. He preached his first sermon in a building within a mile of it. His brother lived only a few blocks from the Pawlet Church. All tais makes the item of peculiar interest to him.



WATERING THE AUTUMN FLOWERS.

#### The Success of Failure.

SARA A. UNDERWOOD.

It may be that as Bulwer Lytton makes one of his heroes declare: · In the lexicon of youth, which fate reserves for a bright manhood. there is no such word as fail."

Yet in the well-thumbed book of life there are for the aged more records of faiures than successes in its worn leaves, but among these are many superficially put down as failures which were in reality successes, seen from the vantage ground of time and reflection.

Christ on the cross, Galileo imprisoned and tortured for declaring a scientific truth, Christopher Columbus imprisoned and derided in return for his discovery of a continent, Joan of Arc burned at the stake after saving France, Dante wandering through Europe a proscribed exile, Martin Luther in prison and threatened with burning at the stake for declaring the rights of conscience, William Lloyd

Garrison fleeing from an infuriated mob, with a rope around his neck, in the streets of Boston, for preaching liberty for black as well as white men, John Brown on a Virginian gallows calmly surveying in a last look the beauties of natureall these and many others as well known in history are examples of truly successful failures—successful only when the ideals they held in view were shown by later generations to be unassailable and become accepted truths. For all these came the hour of triumph, though oftenest after they had passed beyond this world of appearances into the unseen world where truth does not have to wait for time to get recognition. It is only in earth-life that such succasses are ever deemed failures only here that it is possible that "the hooting mob of yesterday with silent awe returns to gather up the sacred ashes in history's golden urn."

On the contrary, many so called successes have been real failures, where men have amassed immense fortunes by wrongful means at the expense of their fellow-men's misfortunes and poverty; or became the bound slaves of their wealth in worry over expending and guarding such vast sums.

Financial, political or intellectual success may often mean moral and spiritual failure. If we are—as we believe, and is theoretically believed by all classes of religionists—sent here on earth to learn to live according to spiritual ideals, to "grow in grace," in goodness, self-forgetfulness, to win wider intellectual compass, to gain higher moral points of view, to

### Rise on stepping-stones Of our dead selves to higher things.

Then all the ephemeral successes which retard such enlargement of mind and soul, must be from the higher point of view not successes, but real and fearful failures: such political success as comes from official station, where it is counted necessary to overlook and condone wrong doing on the part of partisan followers, where "wire-pulling" and the overthrow of good and honest men in the interest of party politics is deemed a virtue, and a necessity of such political office makes the seeming gain a sad and deplorable failure.

Whatever success is gained by lowering the spiritual ideals in any path of life is practical failure. If a writer panders to the lower tastes of the ignorant and bestial or vicious in mankind in order to increase the demand for his books, the faster such works sell, so much deeper his failure; so with the artist, so with the masters in financial circles who do not hesitate in their great business transactions to ruin thousands in order to heap up great and needless fortunes on the wrecks of the lives of their fellowmen.

There are those, however, who through birth or misfortune seeming necessarily to find life a failure, yet by force of spiritual gifts make it a grand success. Such was Alexander Pope, a weak and sickly child who grew up partially deformed, yet by his genius overcame his physical infirmities, and he is to-day the most quoted and best remembered of all his intellectual contemporaries. Milton's blindness would have forever put afar success from lesser souls, but through even that blindness he rose to more resplendent heights of poetic genius. So blind and deaf and dumb Helen Keller to-day has been enabled to gain spiritua

and intellectual liberation through the few remaining avenues of sense left her, to become more highly educated than the mass of women, and to write her wonderful life history, a grand psychological study, in a style and language far superior to that of any full-sensed. carefully-cared for girl who ever graduated from the same college.

Those who, though always poor themselves, have shared their cot and crust with others still poorer; those who without great talent of their own, yet having means in plenty, have not rested in quiescent content in their own wellbeing only, but have kept their eyes clear to perceive how they could become a force for good in the world by helping uplift more gifted souls into larger possibilities of success in their chosen fields—those so spurred on by their sense of the oneness of humanity that they have not dared to keep for their own selfish use the wealth entrusted to them, feeling themselves to be stewards only, who have used their wealth to help others even to the point of personal financial failure; those who feel that the superior intellectual gifts which have been bestowed upon them are not to be used simply in the achievement of personal fame, but for the uplifting of all; those who, like George Ripley and his co-workers of Brook Farm, gave up the desire for mere literary reputation, to take their share in workers' toil and simple fare to lead other men and women to combine "plain living with high thinking." Such men and women as these are striking examples of successful failures.

Among such we may count the many editors and publishers of reform newspapers and magazines which almost invariably are failures financially, the writers and lecturers on unpopular scientific subjects, the labor movement and all other humanitartan reforms, on spirituality and the thousand dreams of mankind to help forward the millenium which is so long in coming. These may often be dreamers, but they are workers as well, and their dreams, which they so unselfishly try to bring true. ought to come true, and these souls help ever to keep high ideals before the world, so that whatever waves of retrogression sweep away the good slowly gained, some is ever imperishable, kept in view by the thinkers whom the majority deem failures, but they, too, are successful failures - necessary to the progress of humanity.

Those of us who have passed the three score mark in years have seen the road of life strewn all along its changeful way with wretched, heart broken, overcome human failures. We have witnessed more failures—an hundredfold—than triumphant achievement of the goal so fearlessly set out for—failures, if counted from the popular standards of success.

What are successes and what failures, from the standpoint of spiritual achievement? Surely those in which spiritual progress has been made, if even at the expense of ephemeral material prosperity and the wreck of all earthly ambitions, for it is surely true that

#### What is excellent, As God lives, is permanent.

Human judgment as to what constitutes success or failure is not the final or true verdict. That belongs to a higher tribunal.

Be of good cheer, then, weary and worn veterans in the cause of truth, almost ready to accept for

yourselves the verdict of proven failures in life. In that higher court to which you will soon be summoned, to which you will pass through the gate called death, you will there shine with the glory of the truly successful.

To the younger workers who feel the call to follow conscience and spiritual ideals, we say: Fear not, but follow that call—hesitate not to obey the inner voice which appeals to the true self, even if to obey seems to threaten with disaster their longings for worldly success Emerson's advice is:

Lowly, faithful, banish fear,
Right onward drive unharmed,
The port well worth the cruise is near.
And every wave is charmed.

Quincy, Ill.

#### Thoughts on Re-incarnation.

JESSIE S. PETTIT FLINT.

To be or not to be, that is the question. But all the controversy in the world cannot settle it, and looking at it from a moral standpoint, for observing the different effects of a conception of a law on various people, will not alter the truth. It is, or it is not, and if it is, that is because it is a fact. To be a fact, in this case, means that it is a law, and law is urchangeable.

Where does the law of change in matter carry us? We have proof that this change extends to spirit matter as well as physical, and does not the time come when we shall be bereft of material through which to express ourselves? We are also told that there is no creation, no destruction; all the elements that are, have always been, shall always be—consequently, re formation and its companion, dissolution, go hand in hand. But the mighty Power that rules, the Soul of the Universe, is steady—it is the Law and Order that expresses itself through matter, for this Soul, or Infinite Intelligence, enfolds within itself all souls, all lives, whether it be the life of tree, human, or sub human. Souls, possessing law and order, are unchanging, and hold their relative position throughout the Universe.

How did you come to be incarnated? You will answer: Through natural law. But you remember nothing of the past? Certainly not—if you did, you would understand re-incarnation. But there are some persons who do remember of a past, because they took up the earthly form before being forced to do so by natural law, and retaining sufficient amount of the olden spirit record to leaven the new bud of matter, history and memory goes backward to a previous embodiment.

Do not those persons who are minus this experience, and who insist most doggedly it could not be, remind us forcibly of the "Philosopher" in the following lines:

A man of philosophic turn of mind Did reason thus: "In Nature you will find

All truth. Her methods are just past compare.
She places right before you treasures

That confound sages and the man of wit,
And down upon their logic she does sit.
Just think! When men do say the world
goes 'round,
Without a thought of reason, I'll be

bound,
Great Nature shows the truth before
their face;
For see, if now upon this stump I place

A stone, and the great world did turn around,
This stone would roll away and not be

found.

"And now about this thing you all do talk,

How spirits of the dead do live and walk Amongst the men of earth, it seems to me,

If this were so, that sight would be more free,

And not confined to just a select few. I think that I should see as well as you. If one man lives when through with earthly strife

earthly strife,
Then all men are endowed with lasting life.

Now think! When God creates them by the ton,
And we are told His work is never done,
And time is endless (now that thought

Just think of all the crowds that are to come,
As well as those that have gone on

before!
Where is the room, please say, for any more?

It stands to reason that a man does die When from the earthly body he does fly." Corvallis, Benton Co., Ore.

#### Browning and Spiritualism.

Mrs. Orr, an intimate personal friend of the poet, has written a very interesting life of Robert Browning, rather full in details, though some may question whether she has given us anything essentially new in the biography, and whether in deferring to his well-known aversion to discussion of his private affairs, she has not exercised too much discretion and deprived the reader of the relation of much which would have given a clearer sympathetic interest in the man, essential to a better understanding of the poet. There are so many paragraphs in these two volumes of interest to all classes of readers that The Journal feels constrained in its notice of the work to confine itself wholly to those portions which deal with Browning's spiritual experiences—experiences which the poet himself tried vainly to ignore, and which his biographer, while compelled to state them, apologizes for and tries vainly to ignore, and which his biographer, while compelled to state them, apologizes for and tries to explain with vague generalities. Mrs. Browning, as is well known, was a believer in spirit return, and Mrs. Orr, in speaking of the beautiful harmony existing between these married poets, says: "The only serious difference which ever arose between Mr. Browning and his wife referred to the subject of Spiritualism. Mrs. Browning held doctrines which prepared her to accept any real or imagined phenomena betokening intercourse with the spirits of the dead; nor could be repelled by anything grotesque or trivial in the manner of this intercourse, becauses it was no part of her belief that a spirit inhabiting the atmosphere of our earth should exhibit any dignity or solemnity not belonging to him while he lived upon it. When Mr. Home came to Florence in 1857 or 1858, Mr. Browning found himself compelled to witness some of the 'manifestations. . . He absolutely denied the good faith of all the persons concerned. Mrs. Browning as absolutely believed it. . . . He chafed against the public association of her name with theirs. Both his love for, and his pride in her resented it."

It annoyed him also that Mrs. Browning always smilingly contended that his opposition to Spiritualism was merely nominal and that he believed in it at heart. Mrs. Browning's spiritual influence upon his work is thus confessed by his biographer.

"We cannot read the emotional passages of 'The Ring and the Book' without hearing in them a voice which is not Mr. Browning's own; an echo not of his part, but from it... Its subject had come to him in the last days of his greatest happiness. It had lived with him through the background of consciousness, through those of his keenest sorrow. It was his refuge in that aftertime in which a subsiding grief often leaves a deeper sense of isolation. The beautiful dedication contained in

the first and last books was only a matter of course. But Mrs. Browning's spiritual presence on this occasion was more than a presiding memory of the heart. I am convinced that it entered largely into his conception of 'Pompillia. It may be that Browning's frankly confessed horror of physical dissolution was the cause of his professed aversion to Spiritualism. He writes to a friend, 'I can't look on the earth-side of death; I flinch from corpses and graves, and never meet a common funeral without a sort of horror. When I look deathwards I look over death, and upwards, or I can't look that way at

If he was not unconsciously and unconfessedly a believer in spiritual influences, how can we explain passages in his letters in which he felt constrained to relate to intimate friends such instances of occult influence as the fol-

In a letter written from a village in France in September, 1881, he says: "Our journey was delayed for three hours in consequence of one mule of the village being requisitioned by the judge d'instruction from Grenable, come to inquire into a murder committed two days before. My sister and I used once a day to walk for a couple of hours up a mountain road of the most lovely description and stop at the summit, whence we looked down upon a minutes hamlet of Saint Pierre d'Entremont. And in this paradisial place they found yesterday week a murdered man... Such a crime had never occurred in the memory of our oldest folk. . . . Now the odd thing is, that either the day of or after the murder—as S. and I were looking at the utter solitude I had the fancy, "What should I do if I suddenly came upon'a dead body in this field? Go and proclaim it—and subject myself to all the vexations inflicted by the French way of procedure (which begins by assuming that you may be the criminal) or neglect an obvious duty and return silently.' I, of course, saw that the former was the only proper course, whatever the annoyance involved. And all the while there was just about to be the very same incident for the trouble of somebody."

Later developments showed that when this thought occurred to Browning he was standing on the exact spot where the body was afterward found. The owner of the field was arrested as the probable murderer; in his despair, he threw himself out of a window and died protesting his innocence. The real murderers were afterward discovered and confessed their crime.

Under date of June 19, 1868 immediately after the death of Mrs. Browning's sister Arabel, writing the sad news to his friend, Mrs. Bragdin, Mr. Browning says: "You know I am not superstitious—here is a note I made in a book July 21, 1863: Arabel told me yesterday that she had been much agitated by a dream which happened the night before, Sunday, July 19th. She saw her [Mrs. Browning] and asked, 'when shall I be with you?' The reply was, 'dearest, in five years.' whereupon Arabel awoke. She knew in her dream that it was not to the living she spoke. In five years within a month of their completion—I had forgotten the date of the dream, and supposed it was only three years ago, and that two had still to run. Only a coincidence, but noticeable."

Another so-called "coincidence" has already been published in the Journal of Psychical Research, which may be briefly referred to in this connection as given in a more detailed way in Mrs. Orr's book. An Italian count professing to have mesmeric and clairvoyant faculties, was put to test by Browning in his own home. He asked Browning to hand him some object which was a

first thought he had nothing with him of the kind, but on consideration remembered that he had accidentally put on his shirt-cuffs that morning a pair of gold studs formerly belonging to a great-uncle who had been killed eighty years before. The count looked earnestly in Browning's face while he clapsed the stud in his hand. Then he said impressively, "There is something here which cries out in my ear, 'Murder! Murder!" Browning says, "My own explanation is that the shrewd Italian felt his way by the involuntary help in my face." And a very lame explanation it is — Selected

#### Make Your Heaven.

GEORGE H. HEPWORTH.

The kingdom of God is within you — St. Luke xvii:21.

There can be no heaven without a heavenly frame of mind. Your environment is a mere detail in the problem. of happiness, your mental attitude being the element of chief importance. If vou are overcritical, over suspicious, uncharitable in judgment, you would be miserable and would deserve to be miserable, even though you were enveloped in eternal sunshine and lived amid tropical splendor. On the other hand, if you are generous with your sympathy, helpful because you find satisfaction in being so and have trained your eyes to look for the good rather than the evil in the world you will create the blessings for which you pray, and impart encouragement and hopefulness, even though the sunshine gives way to shadow and the air you breathe is misty with tears.

Each man is a little world, and he governs it as dictator. I had almost said that each man creates his own world, and in a certain sense this is true. Its prosperity, its contentment, its happiness depends, and I say this with all due reverence, more on himself than on God. My meaning is plain. God has supplied all the material for a successful career, and has done so with lavish affection. The mission of the man is to use this material and to use it in the right way. He can do so, or he may refuse to do so. He is, therefore, master of his own destiny. He is like a workman to whom an architect has given the plan of a building which will shelter him from inevitable storms, and furnish him with everything necessary for its construction, but who must himself do the work. If he labors faithfully he will soon have a house in which he will rejoice and of which he may be proud, but if he does no work he will have no house, and when the tempest comes and he is unprepared for it he must not say that God's favoritism gives all to one and nothing to another, for it is his own fault that he is homeless. He has had the ability, but not the inclination to provide for himself, and is simply reaping a crop from the seed which he planted with his own hand.

If you want heaven, therefore, you must make it for yourself. You can render life very hard and intolerable by thinking along the wrong lines, just as a boatman makes his journey hard by pulling against the stream. He who has the habit of constantly complaining, who grumbles because things are awry, but does nothing to set them right. whose attitude toward life is that of the fault-finder, can no more be happy than he who gashes himself and then wonders why he is wounded.

The world is beautiful to him who looks for beauty, but nothing is beautiful to one who insists on sitting in the shadow and brooding over the ills from which he suffers. It is possible to be wretched in the most fortunate surroundings, and equally possible to be serene relic of a deceased friend. Browning at, and blest in adversity and sorrow. The

heart and mind are the magicians who make or mar our lives, and the outlook of mind and heart is largely your own product. You can control them both to a very great extent.

There are some thoughts which it is as fatal to cherish as it is to swallow poison; some thoughts which produce spiritual indigestion, with all the painful consequences thereof. They are to be avoided as evil companions are to be avoided. You have no more right to indulge in them, in a world like this, provided as it is with every opportunity to grow godlike, than you have to make your home in a dark, damp cave on the mountain side and declare that your fate is hard and there is no sunshine anywhere.

I like to believe that I am captain of the ship in which I am sailing toward eternity. The dignity, the grandeur of human nature, is worth thinking about. You are not driftwood, at the mercy of the current. You have the stars above you, and even the stormy ocean is the pathway to heaven. Faith in God, his wisdom and love; faith in the Christ as the expounder of a philosophy of cheerful endurance and peaceful resignation; faith in the possibility of finding in all experiences a stepping stone to higher things: above all, faith in that immortality which will give back the lost and provide wider spheres of usefulness to the ever growing soul-these thoughts will make us wealthy in spite of our poverty and fill us with that serene joy which is sometimes hidden beneath a sorrow. They are pearls of great price, and they are within your reach if you will make an effort to possess them. You can darken or brighten your life by the standpoint from which you look at it. This life amounts to nothing unless you can see the loom of another life on the horizon.--New York Herald.

Sec. of Lyceum, York, England.

#### Immortality.

I know not of what good fate my thoughts have been always fixed upon things to come, more than upon things present. These I know by certain experience to be but trifles; and if there be nothing more considerable to come, the whole being of man is nothing better than a trifle. But there is room enough before us, in what we call eternity, for great and noble scenes; and the mind of man feels itself lessened and straightened in this low and narrow state, and wishes and waits to see something greater. And if it could discern another world coming, on this side of eternal life, a beginning glory, the best which earth can bear, it would be a kind of immortality to enjoy that prospect beforehand, to see, when this theatre is dissolved, where we shall act next, and what parts, what saints and heroes, if I may so say, will appear on that stage, and with what lustre and excellency. How easy it would be, under a view of these futurities, to despise the little mops and honors, and the momentary pleasures of mortal life.—Lord Bacon.

If this World of ours is the work of intelligence, and not merely the product of force and matter, the human mind, as a part of the whole, should so chime with it, that from what is known. it may reach the Unknown. If this be so, the knowledge gathered should, within the limits of error which its imperfection renders unavoidable, enable us to foretell what we are likely to find in the deepest abysses of the sea -Louis Agassiz to Prof. Peirce.

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Friends worth having are those who manifest their friendship in the days of adversity. But alas! how often do we realize the truth of the saying that, "When adversity comes, friends go." Such are only satellites—not friends.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the National Spiritualists' Association of the United States of America and Canada will be held in Berkely Hall, corner Tremont and Berkely Sts. Boston, Mass., on Oct. 21, 22, 23 and 24, 1902.

Confucius.—On Sept. 27 the Chinese celebrated the anniversary of the birth of the philosopher Confucius with fitting ceremony. One interesting feature of the occasion was the exercises of worship of the Chinese children. The little lads were gowned in the best, over which were hung flowing robes of red, yellow and purple. At the word of command from their religious instructor, the little boys bowed and salaamed in turn before the image of Confucius.

The Drugless Healers of California are taking steps to organize for their mutual protection. A temporary organization has been effected and a meeting called fcr the purpose of perfecting arrangements at 330½ So. Spring St., Los Angeles, Cal., on Oct. 16. It is intended to make arrangements at that meeting so that if a member of the Association is prosecuted he may receive the benefit of the united aid. All those interested should be represented at that meeting. The secretary's name and address is Prof. W. J. Haney, 3301 So. Spring St., Los Angeles, Cal.

#### A Fine Distinction.

Many persons often use the words "telepathy" and "thought-transference" interchangeably—but a fine distinction is now made, and that one is thus stated by Prof. Weltmer in his book on the t subject:

Telepathy he defines as "That subtle process by which man gathers material from the atmosphere of thought, and gives to it expression"; or, "A mental process operated by laws belonging to the unconscious mind of man, and governed by laws known only to that unconscious mind"; or, "That power by which people receive out of the infinite space the thought vibrations of the ages, and trust themselves to express the messages received."

Thought transference he defines as "man's ability to convey a thought from his own to another's mind in such manner and with such clearness that the recipient may comprehend it, construct it into form and again express it."

Chicago is disturbed over the threatened passage of a city ordinance taxing mediums and others \$100 a year as a license to practice mediumship in that city. The Illinois State Association must now spring into the gap and prevent such legislation, which would bring untold trouble upon mediums and be a disgrace to a great city. This can easily be done by showing the "city fathers" that Spiritualism is entitled to respect because it is chartered by the State and must be protected, just the same as any other religious organizations. Its representatives have the right of practicing their mediumship, to offer consolation to those whose hearts are breaking because of severed ties between the physical and spiritual worlds, to demonstrate the fact of a continuity of life and existence, and when representatives of other religious bodies who may be called ministers or priests are taxed for the practice of the ordinance of their churches, then it may be permissable to ask spiritual mediums for a license to attend to the observances of their ceremonies and religious rights.

New Zealand sets on example for the world to pattern after. Dr. J. M. Peebles, who has lately visited that island, writes as follows concerning the condition of that model government:

New Zealand has no snakes, no compulsory vaccination law. The government owns the railroads, telegraphs, telephones, and they have a land limit. They also have women's suffrage, and the native Maoris are allowed seats in Parliament. I saw no crowds there clamoring for work. These New Zealanders also have an old-age pension. Speaking in all humility, I feel bound to say that both England and America may take political and economical lessons from faraway New Zealand.

#### Life, Life, Eternal Life.

That is the theme which William Walker Atkinson dwells upon quite exhiliratingly in *New Thought*. Under the heading of "At Home" he writes as follows:

Don't be afraid. You're living in your own home. This Universe was built for you to inhabit—to occupy—to enjoy. Do not feel strange—make yourself at home. The wonderful laws of nature—those which have been discovered and those which remain to be discovered—are all laws for your use, when you grow large enough to understand how to make use of them.

Did you think you were here by chance, or that you were an alien? If so, learn better. Everything around the place is for your use, when you grow up. No one can dispossess you—no one can put you out. You are at home.

Then on the subject of "Death" he buoyantly writes thus:

I hear some of you talking about death. You seem to think that you will be another order of being as soon as you take your last breath upon earth. You talk about being a "spirit" bye-and-bye. Do I believe this? Of course, I believe it. I know it. But I also know something else, and that is that you are a spirit now, just as much as you will be in another world. Did you think that some wonderful essence was going to grow from you, and that that essence would be what you call a spirit? Nonsense! You are the spirit, and the not-you part which will be discarded never was you. . Why can't you see this? You talk about "my soul," "my spirit," and so on. You make me tired. Why, the thing which is thinking and speaking—you—is the "soul" or "spirit" of which you are talking. You talk as if the physical part of you, which is changing continually, was you. . Why, you could step right out of your body (and maybe you do, more than you have any idea of), and it would be the same old you.

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#### **Psycho-Physical Laboratory**

The following resolution has been adopted by many of the medical societies throughout the Union, and it is expected to meet with the support of the entire medical profession:

Resolved, That we are in favor of the establishment of a Psycho-Physical Laboratory in the Department of the Interior at Washington for the practical application of physiological psychology to sociological and abnormal or pathological data, especially found in institutions for the criminal pauper and defective classes and in hospitals, and also as may be observed in schools and other institutions.

The "New Inebriates" Act," which came into force in Great Britain two years ago, which provides for reformatory measures in dealing with habitual drunkenness, in place of the old penal law, is on the same line of psychological progress, and the general recognition of the science.

Sanskrit medical literature of some centuries before the Christian era impresses us with the great knowledge of the physicians of India. The following quotation from the Charaka-Samhita shows the important place of Psychology in the treatment of disease: "The physician of knowledge who fails to enter the inner body of the patient with the (aid of the) lamp of knowledge and understanding, can never treat disease." Correct diagnosis alone can ensure success in the removal of the evil.

Dr. J. R. Guelph-Norman, Director of the Spiritual Church Missions in Foreign Parts, introduced the practice of physiological psychology in the administration of some of the large prisons in Further India 15 years ago, and, subsequently, in the schools of the Anglican Church Mission, to which he formerly belonged; Dr. Guelph-Norman received the special commendation of the Mission and of the Government for his work in that line. Twenty-three years ago in the same country, India, this indefatigable worker for the uplifting of the race introduced physiological psychology in the treatment of the insane in the British army in India, with the only result that can attend its application—success.

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#### Letter from Miss Cushman.

TO THE EDITOR:

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We arrived here on Wednesday last, had a very pleasant reception on Thursday in the Society's own building. The public work began well last night in Victoria Hall, which was over full-seating capacity is, I think, 600. We go from here about Sept. 27, probably to Christ Church for one, Sunday, then on to Wellington for two Sundays, and then to Auckland and to the wonderland of the hot lakes about Rotorica, and on Oct. 31 will sail on the Ventura for home.

Throughout our stay here friends have been very kind. We have beautiful and wonderful things, but home has lost none of its charms, and we shall be quite ready to go when our ship sails. I think we shall have one Sunday in San Francisco before we go East. We are due in San Francisco Nov. 17. With best wishes for your success. Yours truly,

BELLE V. CUSHMAN. Dunedin, New Zealand, Sept. 15, **1**902.

Capt. George W. Walrond has arrived home safely in Denver, Colo., after nearly two months of serious illness in San Francisco and Los Angeles. He has in the meantime resumed his astrological and psychic work, but we understand it is his intention to make California his future home. He will come to the Pacific Coast as soon as he has closed out his Denver book and other business.

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#### Letter from Mrs. Hammer.

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to state in connection with the life of my honored father, another and lifelong friend, Mr. M. E. Taylor of Santa Barbara, whose noble spirit blossoms often grace your columns. He has been a noble worker in the cause of Spiritualism in its early days, and at my his inspirers, who voiced the great need of the age. He, too, has nobly age of my father, 83, still holds his mental powers in useful brilliancy. MRS. M. E. HAMMER.

#### Letter from Stockton, Cal.

TO THE EDITOR:

You will be pleased, I am sure, that there is good news at last from Stockton. After considerable correspondence with the secretary of the State Spiritualists' Association, we suddenly awoke to the fact that there was an organizer among Guide to Astrology, White's Ephemeris etc. us, and the way he proceeded to wake us up was a surprise to everyone.

As a result of personal visits, seven inspirational lectures and two business meetings, we have an organized society of 33 charter members, with expenses paid and money in the treasury. An application for membership in and charter from the State Association is now on the way to San Francisco, and we will soon be in good running order, with Lyceum, regular meetings, lecturers, etc.

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Away back in the years (Moses will remember the date, for it was the year of the building of a beautiful new home for the Hulls in Maquoketa, Iowa), in company with two or three friends, Moses being one, I visited the site of the new residence.

As I touched the corner stone, a spirit voice said: "Moses will not stay long in the new home. New Thought, his monthly periodical, will merge into other publications. He will move to a large city for a while, after which he will be largely in the lecture field, and along educational lines, and therein lies the success of his life; his life work down the ye rs shines clear and bright."

I gave him the message as given to me, and with a grave, thoughtful look of the eyes he made this answer: "Well, if that is so, they (meaning the spirits) know more than I do about it." It was generally supposed at that time that Moses, as every one called him, was a fixture, for some time, at least, in that city. His congregation was devoted to him; his paper doing fairly well. In the years since that date, the spirit-world has verified the prophecy; also two others.

In a spirit of fun I one day remarked to him: "Moses, when I marry, you are to be the minister." Soon after, our paths diverged, I little thinking that my words were to be fulfilled. By a strange coincidence, years after this, and through the direct influence of angel friends, I met and married Mr. Fanning in the city of Chicago, and Moses Hull, assisted by another noted spiritual teacher, Cora L V. Richmond, was the minister.

Here is something for skeptics to ponder over: It was the literal fulfilling of a prophecy given long years previously. Before the going of the train which bore us from the Lake City to the city by the western sea, the same voice spoke, saying: 'You are coming to California, and I see you visiting us in our home in San Jose, and it is not long before you come." This was in February, and I think not later than April we received as guest in our San Jose home the Rev. Moses Hull.

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I was much interested in the account of the Pratt Institute. I believe it will be a great success, and how glad I am to note that Mr. Hull is chosen president. He is ably fitted for the position. I am sure the spirit world upholds it. and here I want to make another prophecy to Moses and MattieHull: "The Pratt Institute will surely be a success, I see its day star rising, even now, and beyond the star dawn shines the light of a new day for Spiritualism. Help will come, and from unexpected sources.' This is their golden jubilee year. Let some rich Spiritualists endow

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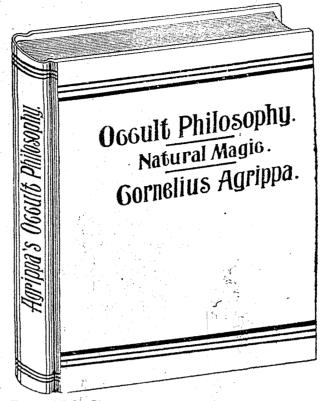
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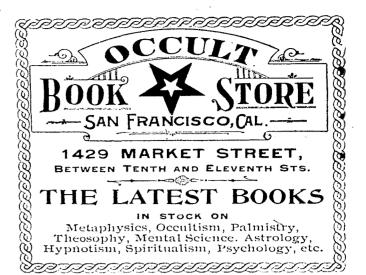
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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mediums' Protective Association will be held at the headquarters of the California State Spiritualists Association on Saturday evening, Oct. 11, 1902. All members wel-W.H. DAVIS, Sec. pro. tem.

Election.—Sunday, Oct. 12, at 4:30 p.m., the annual election of officers by the Union Society will take place at Fraternal Hall, Oakland.

Mrs. C. Wermouth at 117 Larkin street, San Francisco, last Sunday evening, gave convincing spirit messages and answered written questions, giving names from spirit friends to a large audience. Mr. Mountain gave some interesting thoughts on man's spiritual unfoldment and the divine power of soul. Miss Lottie Dwyer rendered good music.

Mars. Eberhardt is ill and was unable to lead her usual Sunday evening meeting, but Mr. Carl Eberhardt conducted it last Sunday with marked ability. He will continue to manage these meetings at 3250 22nd St., San Francisco, Cal, until Mrs. Eberhardt is able to resume them.

There was a large attendance at Mme. Young's hall, 605 McAllister St., San Francisco, Cal., last Sunday evening, and after an inspired lecture by Mrs. Seal, Mme. Young gave spirit messages and psychometric readings to the satisfaction of all present. Prof. Young led the music as well.

The Best Method for the Advancement of our Cause was discussed by Mrs. Fanning, Mr. Allen Franklin Brown, Mrs. Stewart and Mr. Carter at Fraternal Hall, Oakland, last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Fanning also gave some well-recognized spirit messages. "Mental and Physical Poise" was Mrs. C.E. C. Norris' subject in the evening, who was followed with messages by Mrs. Dr. Stewart. On Sunday, Oct. 12, conference, with biological delineations by Mrs. Johnson. In the evening Mrs. Stewart will read sealed questions.

#### State Board at Work.

The Board of Directors of the State Association held a protracted session last Saturday evening at 305 Larkin St., San Francisco, there being present Directors J. Shaw Gillespie, W. M. Rider, Mrs. Annie E. Wadsworth, Mrs. Emma E. Shaw, W.T. Jones and J. Mun-

The report of Organizer Allen Frank-lin Brown was read and showed gratifying results for the brief time he had been in the field — two new societies fully organized and four in progress.

A letter was received from Mrs. Chesbro in which she congratulated the Board on the general outlook, and said that a second Los Angeles society was about to apply for a charter under the State Board. She also expressed herself as certain that one or both of the San Diego societies would soon extend to the State organization the right hand of fellowship, and that a new society would probably soon be formed at Pasadena.

The Board issued charters to the Society of Spiritual Progression of Los Angeles (membership over 30) and the Stockton Spiritualist Alliance (member-

The Board decided to hold the first conference meeting on next Sunday, or the Sunday thereafter.

It has received many applications from workers for recognition, which were referred for future consideration.

There is plenty of room for work and for organization. In San Francisco alone there are 200,000 people old enough to take part in some kind of a Spiritualist society. Of these it is safe to say one in every ten is either a Spiritualist in fact or strongly tinctured with spiritualistic faith. Suppose one in five of these should be induced to join some society, we would have an enrollment of

This is not impossible of accomplishment. All that is needed is organized, harmonious, aggressive work, and these things we are going to have.

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Press Committee State Association.

The Control of Evolution was Henry Harrison Brown's theme at Remembrance Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, Sunday evening. He claimed that in the brute there was only unconscious obedience to the laws of the Absolute Mind: but that man was more than brute; that as fast as he unfolded to recognize his own power, he became the conscious master of law, and thus governed his own evolution; then could make of himself whatever he wished. Next Sunday his theme is: "Disease is Thought Created."

The Children's Progressive Lyceum held an interesting session last Sunday at 909 Market St., San Francisco, with a large attendance (about 15 children and 30 adults), who joined in an interesting program. As usual, C. H. Wadsworth led in the singing and Mrs. Cooke presided at the organ. Allen Franklin Brown read a poem and made the invocation, after which came the calisthenics, in which Mr. Brown led; little Ruth Currier gave a recitation; Ida Foulsham rendered a song, and Georgiana Campbell gave an exhibition of the calisthenic drill, winning \$1.00, the prize offered by Mrs. Anna E Wadsworth, the Lyceum conductor, to the child going through with the exercises properly. Among the visitors were Prof. Howe of Santa Cruz, and Prof. J. R. Guelph-Norman. The former sang and the latter delivered an appropriate

The Ladies' First Spiritual Aid Society was called to order on Oct. 1 by the vice-president, Mrs. S. Starks, in the absence of the president. After the regular business was transacted, the following were elected officers for the ensuing term: President, Mrs. D.N. Place; vice-president, Mrs. Ella York; secretary, Mrs. Annie Wadsworth; treasurer, Mrs. C. A. McCaslin: directors—Mrs. T. Johnson, Mrs. B. F. Small, Mrs. E. W. Briggs, Mrs. S. Starks and Mrs. Minnie Hickok.

Mrs. Annie Wadsworth, Sec.

The Oakland Spiritual Society met at Unity Hall, 856½ Isabella St., Wednesday evening, Oct. 1, Vice-President Orth presiding. Mrs. Johnson opened the meeting with an invocation. Dr. Sol Palinbaum became entranced and gave a short address and spirit messages. Mrs. Johnson gave an address and tests, then closed the meeting.

The Spiritualists' Temple Association of Oakland holds meetings every Sunday at Woodmen Hall. Next Sunday at 2:45 p.m. Mrs. May E. Stevenson will lecture. At 7:45 Mrs. Hooker MoAvoy and Mrs. Annie Gillette will occupy the rostrum. C. F. VAN LUYEN.

Mrs. R.S.Lillie addressed a good audience last Sunday evening in Covenant Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, San Francisco, for the Society of Progressive Spiritualists. The burden of her address rested on the thought that character-building is the main purpose of the soul on this earthly plane. It is the things we have left undone, rather than the things we have done, in this life, that is the source of the soul's greatest regrets. "I believe," she said, "that the sympathies of the great masses are with the striking miners in Pennsylvania, and I would rather be one of the poorest and most down-trodden of mankind than one of the barons who make the lives of so many so barren of all that is worth living for." In answer to a question she said she could not see what would be the immediate result of the struggle now going on in the coal districts of the East, but the ultimate can only be for the benefit of the race, the uplifting of the oppressed, and the spread of justice among mankind. All good comes, has ever come and ever must come through

suffering. Mrs. Ada Foye, after a brief vacation, resumed her meetings last Sunday evening in Prospect Hall, Odd Fellows Building, San Francisco, Cal., and was greeted by a large audience. Mr. W. T. Jones presided and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Berkeley conducted the musical exercises, with cornet and piano accompaniments. After a brief address Mrs. Foye answered several questions relative to the phenomena of Spiritualism, and then held her usual seance, during which about 30 persons received messages from their spirit friends, which were recognized and acknowledged to be correct. Names were given in full, either by clairaudience, clairvoyance, or by writing in the air. without the least hesitation or mistake. These meetings will be continued for several months, or until further notice.

Mrs Anna L. Gillespie, the gifted and well-known inspirational speaker, was greeted with an appreciative audience at the opening meeting of her lecture course at Fraternal Hall, Alcazar Building, San Francisco, last Sunday. Her subject was "A Prophecy," and was handled in a logical and interesting manner. At the close of her lecture a sweet message from a spirit child to her mother in the audience was given. Prof. Arthur Howe of Boston, Dr. G. D. Keeler and Mr. Allen Franklin Brown were called upon, and each gave a short, interesting talk on the philosophy of Spiritualism and its connection to the lecture course so auspiciously started. These meetings will be continued every Sunday night for the season. The speaker announced that next messages would be given. In her remarks she spoke of her audience as "divine fragments," and one of the speakers in his remarks christened this meeting as the "Church of Divine Fragments." After singing the spiritual doxology, 'Only Remembered," the audience departed feeling that it was good A WELCOME VISITOR. to be there.

The Sunflower League held a well-attended meeting on Thursday Oct. 2, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shaw Gillespie. About 35 members were present, and much business was transacted. Two new members were received—Mrs. D. N. Place and Jacob Nowak Jr. The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was considered at length, and after several amendments it was adopted. The election of officers and directors resulted as follows: J. Shaw Gillespie, president; Mrs. Sarah J. Stark, vice-president; J. Munsell Chase, secretary: Mrs. M. W. Billings, treasurer, and Dr. Sol Palinbaum, Allen Franklin Brown, Mrs. D.N. Place, Dr. George D. Keeler and Mrs. C. L. Ford, directors. Mrs. Annie E. Wadsworth was appointed a member of the Committee on Headquarters, in place of M. S. Norton, who resigned from the society. A committee was appointed to arrange for a dance as follows: Mrs. Annie L. Gillespie, Mrs. C. L. Ford and Dr. Geo.D. Keeler. Adjourned to meet at the residence of Mrs. C. L. Ford, 1812 Sutter St., San Francisco, on Thursday, evening, Oct. 16. J. MUNSELL CHASE, Sec.

Sealed Letters and flowers were read last Sunday by Mrs. C.J. Meyer to a good audience at 335 McAllister St., San Francisco.

Prof. Arthur S. Howe of Boston is in San Francisco. He is a speaker and medium of ability, and should be actively employed in spiritualistic work.

The Mystic Sale heretofore announced to be held by the Ladies' Aid Society of San Francisco, has been postponed to the first week in November. Place and time will be announced here-

#### Societies and Meetings

#### Society of Progressive Spiritualists

Holds regular meetings every Sunday evening at 7:30, in Covenant Hall, on the third floor of the Odd Fellows' Building, corner of Seventh and Market Sts. Mrs. R. S. Lillie is engaged as the speaker for the present season.

Mrs. Ada Foye.—Meetings for spirit messages and tests every Sunday evening at 7:30 in Prospect Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, corner of Seventh and Market Sts. Fourth floor; take elevator.

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie will open a season of lectures in Fraternal Hall, Alcazar Building, O'Farrell St., San Francisco, beginning Sunday evening, Oct. 5, 1902. You are cordially invited to come and bring your friends. Lecture begins at 7:45 p.m. Good music. Second floor, front; take elevator.

Ladies' Aid Society business and social meetings every Wednesday at 2 p.m. in headquarters of the State Association, 305 Larkin St. Take elevator.

Children's Progressive Lyceum meets every Sunday morning at 909 Market St., San Francisco, at 10:30. Free spiritual library. Visitors welcome. C. H. WADSWORTH.

The Independent Free Thought Bible Spiritualist Society meets at 909 Market St., S.F., (front hall), every Sunday. 11 a.m. meeting, free. 2 & 8 p.m., spirit messages by local mediums. 10c.

The Psychic Society of Oakland commenced its meetings last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in Maccabee Temple, when Mrs. R. S. Lillie delivered an interesting lecture.

Benjamin Fay Mills is lecturing in Golden Gate Hall, San Francisco, on Psychic Phenomena on Sunday evenings,

The Hermetic Brotherhood resumed open meetings on Thursday evening, Oct. 2, at 8 o'clock, at 509 Van Ness avenue.

The American Institute of Phrenology, incorporated 1866, opens its next session, Sept. 3, 1902. For particulars, apply to the secretary, M. H. Piercy, care of Fowler & Wells Co., 24 East 22nd St., New York. 29m3

Dr. Nellie Beighie's offices are located in the Callaghan Building, 1312 Market St., San Francisco., This will answer many inquirers, for she never advertises her business of healing by spirit power.

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#### PEACE ON EARTH.

Peace on earth, good will to men,"
Sang the angels long ago;
"Peace on earth," they sing again;
Oh, my brothers, sing ye, too.
Hear the music in the air;
Yea, the melody and joy;
Hear it swelling everywhere,
High over all of earth's alloy.

Peace can never reign supreme,
Broadcast over this whole wide world,
Until each heart doth sing within:
"Peace; thy banner is unfurled."
Nor until each heart inly feels
True compassion for the whole:
And into each spirit steals
Tenderness for every soul.

For the inner, vital man-

Not the outer form he wears,
Nor the wrongs we may condemn—
Drop the kindly, pitying tears.
Then can "Peace on earth" to men,
And good-will" by angels sung,
Be enacted o'er again;
The millennium begun.

EMMA D. PITTS, Cortland, N. Y.

# - BORDERLAND:

#### Striking Case of Telepathy.

An extraordinary instance of telepathy has just occurred between a father and son in two Swiss cities. A Monsieur Bornand, residing at Berne, whose son has been staying for some time with relations at Geneva, not long ago felt an overpowering sense of oppression and despondency. Suddenly, while seated with friends at dinner, he exclaimed: "My son is ill or in danger. I feel it."

Without a moment's hesitation he left the house, caught the night train, and at half-past six on the following morning arrived at Geneva. Here he found his son, surrounded by doctors and relations, hovering between life and death. The lad had been nearly drowned the previous day, and on regaining consciousness cried out for his father. Ever since the arrival of M. Bornand his son has steadily advanced towards recovery.

#### A Haunted House.

A strange story of a haunted house in the Whitmore Reans district of the town of Wolverhampton is vouched for. Some time ago the two heads of a somewhat large family left the town for the seaside, leaving three daughters and two sons to guard the premises.

The three daughters slept together in one room, and on the first night of their parents' departure they were awakened by hearing a strange voice in the room. It

talked quite rationally for a time, and gave the girls—who were shivering with apprehension—certain advice as to their future lives.

Established in 1865. Truth wears no Mask, Bows at no Human Shrine, Seeks neither Place nor Applause: She only asks a Hearing.

The voice faded away with the dawn, and in the morning the girls informed their brothers of the peculiar experience they had gone through the previous night. Of course, as brothers will, they poohpoohed the idea, and the girls were so abashed that they decided to occupy the same room that night.

Again, the three were awakened by the same voice, which told them that he (or she) would be with them on Saturday night. This was more than flesh and blood could stand, and the girls left their bed and went to another one.

Next morning the brothers were again told of the strange voice, and with the true spirit of bravado they notified their intention of sleeping in the room which their sisters had occupied. The night came, and with it the voice borne on a heavy silence. The brothers jumped with fright, but searched and found nothing. They left the room, and it was empty until the father and mother returned from their holidays.

The experiences were related to the parents, who, like the brothers, laughed heartily at an idea so absurd. They decided to give the rooma trial. Lights were put out. and for a time the house remained as silent as the grave. The nerves of the parents were at high tension, and when the voice suddenly cut the air, when it was least expected, the state of mind of the two can be conjectured. The bed shook, and they slipped out, quaking at the knees. Next day the house was "To Let."—London Dispatch, Sept. 6, 1902.

#### A Spiritual Vision.

W. J. Stillman, in his "Autobiography of a Journalist," published just before his death, tells of an experience of his pious mother, a Seventh-Day Baptist. Stillman was a Spiritualist.

"In one of those moments of confidence in the years when I had become a councellor to her, I remember her telling me of this boy (known as little William to distinguish him from me), and the sufferings she endured through her doubts lest he should have lived long enough to sin, and had not repented; for her dreary creed taught that the rigors of eternal damnation rested on every one who had not repented of each individual sin, and that adult bapitsm was the only assurance of redemption.

"All the rest of her children had professed religion and received baptism according to the rites of the Baptist Church, but little William left in her mother's heart the sting of uncertainty. Had he lived long enough to transgress the law and not repented? This was to her an ever-present question of terrible import. Years rolled by without weakening this torture of apprehension that this little lamb of all her flock might be expatiating the sin of Adam in the flames of eternity, a perpetual babyhood of woe. The depth of the misery this haunting fear inflicted on her can only be imagined by one who knew the passionate intensity of her love for her children—a love which she feared to be sinful, but could not abate. Finally, one night, as she lav perplexing her soul with this and other problems of sin and righteousness, she saw standing near her her lost child, not, as she had supposed him to be, a baby for eternity, but apparently a youth of sixteen, regarding her silently, but with an expression of such radiant happiness in

his face that the shadow passed from her soul forever. She needed no longer to be told that he was among the blessed. She told me this one day, timidly, as something she had never dared tell the older children lest they should think her superstitious, or perhaps dissipate her consolation by the assurance that she had dreamed.

#### A New World-Force.

GRANT WALLACE.

Mr. Walker, in the September Cos-

mopolitan, says:

"If not the most important, certainly one of the most interesting discoveries of the age pertains to Radium, that new metal or substance which contains in itself such an infinite energy that since the very beginning of creation it has been emitting streams of material particles projected with the velocity of from sixty to ninety thousand miles per

"Whence comes this supply of power, given off at a rate which one may but feebly comprehend—a supply which remains ever of undiminished store? Man's most fabulous conception of genii and their power becomes insignificant before this particle of metal weighing less than one-thirtieth part of an ounce.

"Science, with all the resources of its entrance upon the twentieth century is at a loss to understand either the derivation or preservation of this energy.

"Whence comes its original storage of power? Impossible to believe that so minute a body can possess an everlasting energy, the question arises, what renews this immense reservoir of power which is being eternally thrown out, yet with the store never departed?

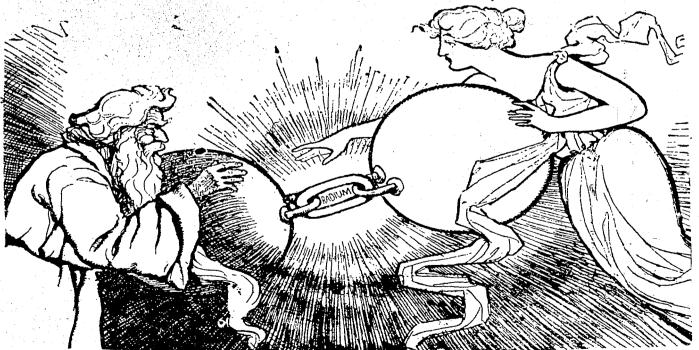
"Madame Curie, to whose efforts and those of her husband we owe the gathering together of the minute store of Radium which science possesses, hints that there may be an energy traversing all space so subtle that the human mind has not yet begun to grasp even the salient points connected with its laws.

"Field for endless speculation! Is it that we are only on the eve of reaching those first truths in the great magic of the universe which will awaken the mind from the burrows in which it has traveled and carry it toward some law of laws?

"The first grain of Radium is said to have cost more than \$10,000 for the Pitchblende from which it was extracted. At this rate an ounce would be worth some \$300,000, and a pound several millions of dollars. But so wonderful are its properties that even at this rate the Government could well afford the expense of accumulation, to say nothing of Mr. Carnegie, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rockefeller.

"Certainly the world will not stand very long on the threshold of this most marvelous of scientific discoveries. It is the history of metals that demand will result in supply. The world will be ran-

Wonderful Properties of Radium.



[From the San Francisco Bulletin.]

May not Radium be one of Nature's subtile links to unite the known, material world to the comparatively unknown, immaterial world?

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sacked for ores which will furnish Radium at its cheapest. To the prospector and metalurgist working, not for science, but for dollars, no gold ore will prove so profitable as that from which Radium can be extracted in merchantable quantities.

"The ray sent out is apparently a conductor of electricity almost as if it were a copper wire.

"Glass brought into contact with this metal becomes permanently of a brown or violet-tinted hue.

"Oxygen is converted by Radium into

"These are but a few of the many curious changes which take place in the presence of what has become known as the Bacequerel ray, in honor of the profound studies of Bacquerel, through whom the marvelous properties of Radium came to be known to the world of

"These rays are so powerful that not only do they furnish light, but penetrate the most opaque bodies. Still more wonderful, they not only penetrate, but seem to impart for a length of time their powers of radiation to the substances with which they come in contact. Still more contradictory in attributes, these radiations seem to possess the double character of divertible cathode ray and the indivertible X-ray of Roentgen.

"Some have estimated that, but a small weight of Radium would furnish a light for economic purposes so brilliant that the human eye and body would have to be protected from its influence. Once in place, however, it would be installed for all time. And there are scientists who argue that if it has retained these tremendous properties from the very beginning of its creation, its powers will know no decrease with the ages. Thus far only the most preliminary steps have been made toward the discovery of the properties of Radium. As already stated, the field for speculation seems boundless. For instance, what relation may not the one fact that it converts oxygen into ozone have to the future of chemistry?

"If a man's store of this wonderful substance, which only weighs at this time less than one-thirtieth of an ounce, can produce such miracles, what may not be the discoveries lying in wait for the ardent scientist who first succeeds in bringing together an appreciable quantity of this metal of latent powers?

"And with the prospectors of the mountains once fairly directed in search of Pitchblende, or that ore which may be found to contain the highest percentage of Radium, we may see within a few years salts of Radium attain the position of a merchantable commodity, perhaps even to the extent of revolutionizing certain of the world's industries.

"The imagination is delighted with this distant field over which Radium is

casting its first rays."

Recent articles in the Scientific American and in the French scientific journals throw but slight additional light on these new problems. Until the world's supply of Radium becomes far greater than one-thirtieth of an ounce, the range of experimentation must of necessity remain limited.

It now remains, therefore, for inventive genius to give the world a cheap and practical method of extracting this new rival of electricity from Pitchblende andfrom other ores which have heretofore been considered worthless, but which undoubtedly contain the wealth of a hundred Klondikes. Why should not American metallurgists and chemists have the honor of giving this final touch to what is unquestionably one of the most important discoveries of any age?

Life never has any permanent methods. Materialistic science, having run the length of its tether, has seemed for the past decade or two about to cut the rope and go exploring the unknown and the intangible. The discovery of marvelous

forces locked up within every human being, and manifesting themselves under the various phenomena of Mesmerism, Hypnotism, Telepathy, Psychometry, Clairvoyance, Mental Therapeutics and plain, ordinary will power has brought Science face to face with a new, etheral world and its strange, fascinating problems. Electricity, which Tesla and Lodge have defined as being "ether in motion," the discoveries of Argon and Helium, have also come to push the investigations of science out of the realm of ponderable matter into that of the imponderable ether which fills all the universe. These investigations have led to the conclusion that all force is one whether it be called thought force or electricity or attraction, and that it differs only in mode of operation and in swiftness of vibration.

May not Radium, as its discoverer broadly hints, be one of Nature's subtile links destined to unite known material world of science to the comparatively unknown, immaterial world, wherein play the might forces of magnetism and radio-activity and thought, itself? Does it not seem probable, instead of the little pinch of Radium itself possessing the power to send out its light corpuscles year after year without burning up or growing smaller, that this Radium is merely a conductor of a mighty worldforce, which is attracted to it from out the ether, and which pours through it into space in the form of powerful light rays?

Is not this force intensified electricity? Is it not the same force by which the wireless telegraph is operated? Is it not the same force by which your thoughts and feelings are sent round the globe to some receptive mind, under the name of Telepathy?

In this connection, my friend, Henry Harrison Brown, editor of Now, relates the following curious experience:

"During the winter of 1897-1898, in Topeka, Kansas, I used to experiment with a fine hypnotic somnambule. While in the trance state he was an excellent clairvoyant, and I had many manifestations that, familiar as I was with its phenomena, seemed marvelous. None of them have been published. The discovery of Radium leads me to narrate one of them which cannot be accounted for on the usual ground of telepathy. The subject was a young man of 17. He was a High School pupil and interested in electricity. Among the travels he made on the Soul-side of life were several trips to the planet Mars. Upon his first journey, among other things he noticed that there was a method of electric lighting that was superior to our own. There was neither battery nor wire used. It was done by placing some chemical substances in juxtaposition. I urge him to learn how it was done. He could not ascertain. Upon a subsequent visit he became interested in the matter and I urged him to find out the process. At last he said:

"'I cannot.' "Why?' I inquired. And there came this wonderful answer—wonderful had it come from a deep student of metaphysics:

"'I cannot, for they guard it with all the power of their thought.'

"I asked, 'Why do they?' "'An old man here tells me-' Here I stopped him.

"Tells you! Why, you do not know their language! You cannot talk with him?' Immediately the reply:

"'We do not use language. We converse by thought.' Then he continued: 'The old man says that I cannot have it: that we on the earth must develop as they have and through necessity find out nature's secrets. And now that I know it is possible, I can go back and find the secret for myself. Were I to tell you, you would lose the unfoldment

that comes from seeking and finding. All life is for the development of latent powers. Earth must develop as we have. We have found. You can.'

"Thus at the time my somnambule saw the fact of spontaneous generation of electricity on Mars, it was discovered in laboratories here. He saw it easy of operation and plenteous. It was lighting the buildings and streets. So will it be with us. Whether or not it be the same mineral is a question. Probably not. For I prophesy that it will be found that all minerals g possess this quality of luminosity; that when chemists realize that all is Spirit, they will institute new methods, and release the Life in the atoms and have light at will. I only report the fact for what it may be worth to him who thinks."—S. F. Bulletin.

#### Oriental Philosophy.

"The Influence of Oriental Philosophy on the Western World" was the title of a lecture delivered before the Royal Asiatic Academy of Science by Mr. J. R. Guelph-Norman. It was as follows:

The teachings presented in Oriental Philosophy are applicable to all nations, irrespective of class, color, or creed; they constitute the doctrine, the spirit of which is universally accepted (with a view to the ultimate adoption of its principles in daily life), viz: "On earth peace, good-will toward men," a study that may be advantageously pursued by all without prejudice to the religious faith of any.

The principles inculcated in the philosophy of the Orient have been most laudably prosecuted by the Czar of Russia, and as heartily endorsed by the Rulers of the Great Powers, and many others of profound learning, advocating the disarmament of nations; the promotion of harmony, and co operation in the religious, political, commercial and social relations of mankind, as the *United Nations*, having one Constitution, or common law, to the end that the 'Establishment of the Reign of Law" (universal love), or, the Kingdom of Righteousness, as signified in the Scriptures, may be consummated.

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The Physician and Spiritual Teacher, according to the authority of the text of the religions of the earth, in order to faithfully represent either calling, must understand the Science of Life. that he may minister to his fellowcreature, not in part, but as a harmonious whole; in his intellectual, moral, social, physical, spiritual and psychological being

Thus religion is presented, not as so many systems of mythology, but as a Religion of Science; and, by the Science of Religion, we may attain to a perfect understanding of the Science of Life and Being; through which knowledge the Physician and Spiritual Teacher has power over all diseases. Hence, the injunction: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out derils."

To"preach the Kingdom of God," the law requires that the teacher must harmonize the relations between the physical and divine nature in man, and bring it to a perfect knowledge and understanding of the relation of the soul with the Almighty—one in the mighty All!"

Most excellent Law, the primitive yet new Religion true-Universal in spirit, though its creeds and

Teach myriad modes— Embraces all forms, omnipotent planEternal Truth-the God of Love expressed in

MEDICAL SCIENCE OF INDIA ESTAB-LISHED IN AMERICA AND EUROPE.

In modern times, the Royal Asiatic Academy of Science is the only institution offering the advantages of medical clinics and instruction, in the Medical Science of India, according to the ancient Sanskrit medical authorities, in conjunction with modern medical science, andunder European management.

Ayurveda (Science of Life) is the parent Medical Science of the world. The name of Punarvasu and that of his sire, Atri. frequently occur in the Vedas, which are generally acknowledged to be the most ancient sacred writings. The medical works of the six disciples of Punarvasu, Agniveca, Bhela, Játukarna, Parácara, Hárita and Khárapáni, are still extant; the works of Agniveca were revised in the first century by Charaka, who, according to the Chinese translation of the Tripitaka (Buddhist Scriptures) was Court Physician to King Kanishka of Gándhara, Northern India (Cashmere, Delhi). This edition is now known as the "Charaki Samhita," and is one of the standard works on the Medical Science of India.

CIVILIZATION OF ANCIENT INDIA ENLIGHTENS THE WORLD.

After the invasion of Alexander the Great (326 B. C.), the Greeks became acquainted with the learning of India; and, in the seventeenth century, the Arabs introduced a knowledge of the Medical Science of India, with other branches of learning, to the West.

In the eighth century, the Rishis of India became the instructors of the Arabs, in various branches of science. The Siddhantas (Arabic Sind Hind), the writings of Aryabhata (Arjehir), and the Ahargana (Arkand), ascribed to Brahmagupta, were translated and adopted by the Arabs. The astronomers of India were frequently summoned to the Courts of the Kalifs of Bagdad, to supervise the work. Through the Arabs the Sciences of India reached Europe.

By the European physicians the authorities of the medical science of India were thought highly of, for the names of Charaka and Sucruta, whose works were rendered into Arabic in the eighth century, are repeatedly mentioned in the Latin translations of the Arabian writers, Avicenna (Ibn Síná), )Rhazes (Al-Razi), and Serapion (Ibn Sar-

áfyun). In the eighteenth century, modern surgery acquired from India knowledge of Rhinoplasty, the operation of making artificial noses.

In promoting civilization, India invented the numerical figures used throughout the world; India formulated the decimal system of reckoning, the influence of which on mathematics and civilization generally has no equal in that line. Again, Algebra, though wearing Arabian garb, is a gift from India, which has carried the western world still further along the path of knowledge.

Sanskrit language and literature in the century just closed (nineteenth) is alone responsible for the founding of the sciences of Comparative Mythology and Comparative Philology; through the latter, it has affected the practical teaching of classical languages in the universities of the world. Thus, we might continue to show what India has done to promote the civilization of which we are so proud; to describe how Thales, Empedocles, Anaxgoras, Domocritus, and others of the old Greek masters, travelled to India to study the philosophy upon which our civilization is founded; how the doctrines ascribed to Pythagoras, religious, philosophical, and mathematical, were also dependent on the learning of India, where they were known six centuries B. C., and we know not how much earlier. To show further how much we are indebted to India for its knowledge of arts, music, painting, sculpture, architecture and technical arts; but time will not admit of more than this brief sketch, from which it is hoped that all progressive thinkers will investigate the subject for themselves; and that all intelligent people will appreciate the debt we owe to India; for truly, many are unaware of the obligation. Professor Max Muller has voiced the sentiments of the masses in saying: "The idea that anything can come from the East equal to European thought, or even superior to it, never enters their minds (Europeans), and hence their utter inability to understand and appreciate what is really valuable in Oriental literature. There is no problem of philosophy and religion that has not been the subject of deep and anxious thought among the ancient and modern thinkers of India."

It is gratifying, however, to note that European scholars are now eagerly prosecuting the study of Sanskrit literature, and that much good has already resulted therefrom, in correcting the teaching of classical languages in Europe and America. But it is much to be regretted that, while the various branches of science are profiting by this field of knowledge, opened up during the last century, the medical profession should be so reluctant to adopt, or. at least, to investigate, officially, the invaluable knowledge presented in the Ayur veda (Science of Life) of India.

So long as a conservative professionalism will continue to ignore the act that the language of poets and prophets, as so well stated by Max Muller, "comprehended both the concrete and the abstract, both the material and the spiritual, in a manner which has become quite strange to us," we will continue to force a literal sense on writings, which must thereby lose their original meaning; thus poetical names, such as those applied to the Greek, Roman, and Indian gods, have been raised to the distinction of a divine personality, an interpretation never intended by the authors, and an interpretation that would cause them to blush with shame for our ignorance, could they but express it to day to our understanding.

\* Modern "intelligence" repudiates as barbarous superstition, and ceremonials of art and magic, a science far transcending anything that we have hitherto received from India; a science which is destined to advance civilization, at a single bound, by scientific achievements, far more than it has advanced up to the present time. A fuller understandingof

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Must revolutionize modern medical science, even as Sanskrit literature has, by the founding of the science of Comparative Philology, affected the teaching of classical languages throughout the world within the past few years.

When modern science attains a better understanding of that abstruse natural law,

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He who is our Father that begot us He who is the Creator,
He who knows all places and all creatures,
He who gave names to the gods, being one only,
To Him all other creatures go, to ask Him.

"Ekam eva advitiyam." There is but one being — no second. Rig Veda, x:82-83.

Compare, John xvii:21-23.

#### The Language of Thought.

Among the best things penned by the late Rev. George H. Hepworth was the following written for the New York Herald just before his demise. It is full of suggestion to every thoughtful person. He says:

A word of scorn or of praise hurled into the spiritual universe from a heart that loves or hates becomes a living force, not lost in the general confusion, but going straight to the man or woman against whom or in favor of whom it is directed. That other heart is the receiving station of this wire less telegraph. Your thought, critical or gentle, strikes it with an impact that either hurts or helps. You may not know that your thought has taken its flight, that other person may not know whence it comes, but all the same he is uplifted or depressed by it.

This may seem strange and even incredible, but while it is to day a possible fact, it may to-morrow become a demonstrated truth, and the next day it may change the whole outlook of the spiritual world. It has the appearance of a miracle, but profounder knowledge always seems miraculous.

A spoken thought is even now recognized as a force when speaker and hearer are within earshot of each other. An oath, a compliment, a bit of vocal flattery, go through the ear to the heart and kindle a flame of resentment or of happiness. What you say becomes a part of another man's life and excites passion or stimulates friendship. Why may there not be a quicker transit than the slow and dull ear affords? Why may not the time come when we can convey our thoughts without the coarse medium of words? There are no words between us and heaven. A prayer is a longing of the soul, "uttered or unexpressed." God speaks to hearts. There are "unseen beings who walk the earth. both when we wake and when we sleep," but they use no words. They make us feel their presence, and we are sure that they are close by as though we heard a trumpet

call. What they would say steals into the heart, for our poor ears cannot catch it. We hear nothing, but we know that they are helping us. Is there any language in heaven except that of thoughts?

When the world grows older why may we not speak to each other without this cumbersome factor of spoken words? We catch glimpses of the possible already. A look, a pressure of the hand, and sympathy or contempt are complete. Enlarge the circumference and you have a new truth.

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Love, if firmly planted in each kindred heart, So deeply that no earthly thing can rend

apart. Will be like a guardian angel grand, 🛛 🕜 Ever showing us the true way to the better land.

If your heart (your conscience) is right, Angels of love and peace will guide you into the light,

when you thus attain to dignity and grace, All evil, all harm, all vice will run apace

'Tis Heaven's divine command That thus your souls should expand, And gain the treasures rare

Which all souls, high or low, can share. When this is done there will be none so

All will be taught a higher state to know; So I say: Get your hearts right, Then you can better shed the golden

'Twill be an anchor for the soul secure; And ever throughout time will endure-Like an arbor of safety, a stately retreat, Where songs of love with endless time their rhythms beat.

It will reclaim the whole race of man, Heal the sick, raise the fallen and brighten the faces wan.

How best can we advance, do you say? Why, fill each soul you meet with truth's radiant day.

Stop not to think only of self and paltry But give each one you meet freely of this golden grain.

Mentally image its greatness to each mind-Keeping the picture ever bright will give sight to the blind.

To those sick for the sunshine they need, By silent thought plant therein a golden Never think aught of one in need's sore

distress; Cheer them with words and thoughts of kindness.

How can you best advance this noble cause? Why, fill the universe with love; thus fulfill progression's laws. The universe is one vast storehouse of

beauty;
To court it is our highest duty.

None of us need stand idly by, Heedless of another's thirsting cry, But awaken the divinity within us-Act for the right-progression is ever

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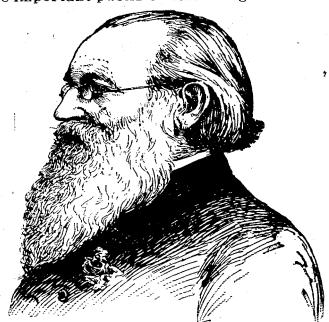
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Dr. M. L. Holbrook, the wellknown author and writer on health and hygiene, passed to spirit-life from his home in New York on Aug. 12. He had been a reader of the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL for many years, and was a leader of progressive thought.

Seventeen Spiritualist meetings were held in San Francisco last Sunday, in which either or both of the philosophy and phe nomena of Spiritualism were presented. There were also about six more held across the bay, in Oakland. There is surely a spiritual interest awakening in this locality, as well as all over the continent, since the Twentieth Century began.

Mr. Brasmus D. French, well known to our readers, and a frequent contributor to the columns of the Journal for several years. passed to the higher life on Sept. 24,1902. He was an advanced thinker and a true Spiritualist, beloved by all who knew him, and his presence will be missed in the physical form by his family and friends.

Though considerably advanced in years, he retained his faculties to the last, and his interest in the Philosophy was unabated. He passed away peacefully at his home in Ensenada, Lower California, Mexico, having lived a good and pure physical life.

Mme. Montague gave her farewell seance on Oct. 9, before the London Spiritual Alliance, at St. James' Hall. She is now on her way, crossing the Atlantic Ocean, on her way to America.

#### Deceptive Sophistry.

The Oakland Inquirer says that the Rev. E. Baker in a sermon on Sunday, Oct.5, at the First Presbyterian Church stated that Spiritualism was on the increase, but that its phenomena had not been proven. We would like to know what proof the gentleman required more than had been given during the past 50 years—demonstrations that have been considered sufficient proof by lawyers, doctors, ministers and scientific men as well as professors and teachers in the universities of the country.

He further states that if the phenomena was proven it would only show the power of the subjective mind. He then argued the case thus:

The most satisfactory explanation for the spirit phenomena seems to be that there is a duality in every mind. Professor Hudson holds that there is a subjective mind underneath this mind with which we think, subject to it and controlled by it, which remembers everything that has ever happened ever been heard or ever been read, forgetting nothing. You may be conscious of knowing things or able to recall them at will, but when you ask the medium a guestion, the answer brings to your knowledge things that you had forgotten, and you say it was not by suggestion. The explanation is that the subjective self, or subconscious mind, knew it, remembered, suggested and received it, in answer from the medium.

Professor Hudson holds that the medium never communicates anything that the medium or yourself does not know.

What deception and sophistry! Anyone who knows what the various kinds of phenomena of Spiritualism are, would never make such a silly statement. Mediums often voice messages from the spirits revealing facts that are not known either to the medium or the sitterfacts which are proved to be such, by knowledge subsequently obtained from other persons, and often in other countries!

Another serious defect in Prof. Hudson's theories is the fact that events are predicted by spirits, which only time can confirm! Such are not only unknown to the medium and sitter, but also unknown to the universal subjective mind! This fact alone annihilates this whole deceptive theory of Prof. Hudson!

Prof. Thomson Jay Hudson's very delusive theory is intended to upset all the Spiritualist phenomena. As this theory has now been embraced by Benjamin Fay Mills, and Rev. E. E. Baker in Oakland, and many clergymen all over the country we will aere copy from the Harbinger of Light, published in Melbourne, Australia, giving an outline of his unscientific theory, which is devoid of any solid basis:

His affirmation is—1st. That man is possessed of dual mind objective and subjective. 2. That the subjective mind is constantly amenable to suggestion. And 3. Telepathy is a power of the sub-

this distinct division or separation of the mind, which neither Dr. Hudson or anyone else has demonstrated, and affirm the Homogenity of it. The human mind is dual in the sense that it has its positive and negative aspects; the former cognizes material things, the latter spiritual, and whenever there is a true equilibrium there is a blending of the true, and a simultaneous comprehension of both spiritual and material conditions. The mind has the power to reason both inductively and deductively, the former being the most common. method: but when the spiritual is in the ascendant, the latter takes the lead.

The spiritual side of man being the negative, is naturally most amenable to suggestion; and we admit that Telepathy is a spiritual faculty, but we utterly deny that there is standing-room for Dr. Hudson's enormous claims on this limited and slender foundation. He admits the reality of the phenomena, but asserts they do not owe their origin to disembodied spirits. He further admits that spirits exist beyond the grave, but asserts that they cannot communicate.

Whilst apparently recognizing the negative nature of the "subjective self," he attributes to it the most startling positive powers, viz: the power to write intelligent messages between closed slates; to lift and transport heavy substances and human beings considerable distances; to build up and animate counterfeit human forms, and to lie unceasingly.

It is not only supposed to remember the whole life experiences of its objective companion, but to be en rapport with the subjective selves of everybody that it has come in contact with, so that when a person goes to a medium, the medium's subjective self grasps at once the whole life experience of the visitor and all his acquaintances, and, conjuring up some relative or friend, personifies them and introduces them to the visitor.

This process, we are led to infer, is universal, so that it appears that the subjective selves of all mediums, public and private, are incorrigible liars. So much for their morality—according to Dr. Hudson.

Now for the physical aspect. It is admitted by Mr. Hudson that a force is exhibited in the production of writing between closed slates. Is not force in itself blind and unintelligent? The very fact of writing implies intelligence apart from the appositeness of the communication.

Mental action is manifest in it. We are given to understand that the subjective self has no reasoning power, and whenever it "usurps control over the dual organism, reason abdicates her throne." Whence, then, came the intelligent messages, unless prompted by someone who knew the facts recorded and gave intelligent testimony of them?

Mr. Hudson makes no reference to spirit photography or materialization. Elastic as his theory is, it has not covered these. Where does the subjective self gets its chemical and technical knowledge from to produce this phenomena?

The fact is that he has a very superficial knowledge of Spiritualism, has not studied the subject, has not even read one of the most prominent standard works. Miss Lilian Whiting, who reviewed his first work, "The Law of Psychic Phenomena," interviewed him to point out the inconsistencies of his

jective mind. Now we demur at second, and found him so wedded to his theory that he would not listen to anything opposed to it. She says: "The grave defect in Mr. Hudson's reasoning lies in his not being conversant with latterday scientific progress. He frankly admits that he knows nothing of the work and researches of Sir William Crookes, and not to be familiar with the ground covered by this greatest of modern scientists, is to lack essential data for discussion."

Of what value are the unsupported theories of a superficial student, in contrast with the results of laborious experimental investigations by such men as Professors Robt. Hare, William Crookes, Frederich Zoellner, W. F. Barrett, A.R. Wallace, William Denton, J. R. Buchanan, Elliot Coues, Dr. Hodgson, and scores of other eminent scientific men? His theories, if correct, would be far more wonderful and ponderously difficult of acceptance than the spiritual hypothesis, which is both reasonable and demonstrable. No person having even a moderate experience in Spiritualism and its standard literature could possibly accept them.

#### Remarkable Criticism.

Last Sunday morning it was telegraphed all over the world, and appeared simultaneously in the daily papers in all the large cities, that as a result of the Anti-Ritualistic Crusade which has been in progress in Great Britain for several years, that the English Church Congress has given outspoken criticism to the infallibility of the Bible.

Several members prominent in the Episcopal Church of England made eloquent pleas for the rational teaching of the Bible to children, giving as a reason therefor "so that when they grow up, they will not discard the inner meaning of the Oriental imagery, as they do the tales of Santa Claus."

To show that this criticism of what has been known as the "Holy Scripture? for ages, does not come from the dissenters or even the laity, but from the highest officials of the Episcopal Church, we will quote the following from the telegraphic dispatches of last Sunday:

Dr. Wordsworth, Bishop of Salisbury, opened the discussion, and the Rev. Alexander Kirkpatrick, regius professor of Hebrow at Cambridge and canon of Ely, followed, boldly declaring they must not. regard all parts of the Bible as being equal.

The Rev. Edgar Gilison, prebendary of Wells and chaplain in ordinary to the King, compared the Bible to Shakespeare's mythical character of Macbeth, "around which Shakespeare built up a great human document." So other writers, he asserted, took up certain fabled incidents and built around them the great truths which made religion what it is. The clergy was wrong in going on teaching the Bible in the old way. The church had nothing to fear but had much to gain from the new criticism.

Sir A. Short, master at Harrow, said the cheap press had rendered it impossible for the people to read the Bible as did Cromwell's Ironsides. He believed the majority of school teachers adopted an uncandid attitude before the biblical class, which was "morally unwholesome and scientifically incorrect." Such treatment of boys merely led pupils to an early disbelief in later years.

As a climax to all this discussion it was finally agreed that "the Bible could not longer be regarded as the standard of morals,"so not only are the creeds, dogmas and doctrines venerated during the past ages now being discorded in the opening of the 20th century, but the Bible itself is no longer to be considered as a standard of morals, and its authority and teaching are passing

The Church Congress of conservative old England was about the last place from which we should have expected such a declaration, for Englishmen, generally, are credited with being wedded to the old forms, ceremonies, creeds, doctrines and dogmas. They revel in the thought that they are treading in the footprints of their fathers; but the march of intellect, the progress of the ages, the higher criticism, and the urgent demands for satisfactory proof of all theories, are making such inroad that even the conservative strongholds are giving way to the progressive thought of the 20th century. We welcome this new indication as a token for good—as a promise of enlightenment, as a ray of hope for mankind to be made free from the thraldom of antiquated religious systems.

In Another Column of this issue appears the announcement of the Royal Asiatic Academy of Science. This institution has the distinction of being the first public organization established in India with a medical department affording instruction in the Medical Science of India, according to the ancient Sanskrit authorities; and the first in Europe and America to combine Oriental and Occidental systems of therapeutics in its clinical department. Much good has resulted from this from the class system since its introduction into this country in 1897.

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The Alpha Omega, or ends of the soul, Where it begins, where it ends, to which

is it given? Which of all that exists is sure to find heaven? Which star of the millions bespangling

the sky Is the ultimathule we reach when we The sphere of them all where Israel's

Hath established his throne and weildeth His rod?

How sprinkle, how souse, in still water or swift, Which fount shall we seek if we wish to make shift

Of our burden of sin for the robes of the life everlasting, peace eternal,

secure? Which is the true faith, which God is the right? Which guide is the doctor that hath the

true light, That will guide a lost ship to regions supernal,

To joys everlasting, where smiles are The Cross or the Crescent, Persian or

Hindu, Gods of Confucius, or God of the Jew-Sprinkle, immerse, circumcise, or what

lot. We'll swallow them all, with thanks to the host—

The purveyor of joys, to our religion, the ghost, But give us, oh, give us, a modern God,

With wisdom and pity, despoiled of his Whose sceptre is reason, whose fiat is Whose throne is of love, whose bounty

we trust. Who hates not, and angers not, and repents not decrees.

bathes not in blood, his wrath to appease. Whose wisdom is boundless, whose

power is supreme, Whose plans are exact, and destroys not in spleen;

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Christ was sent, he said, as a savior of his people, the Jews, and not of the world. That he did save his people, for in preaching the destruction of Jerusalem all those who heard him fled from the city and were thus saved from destruction.

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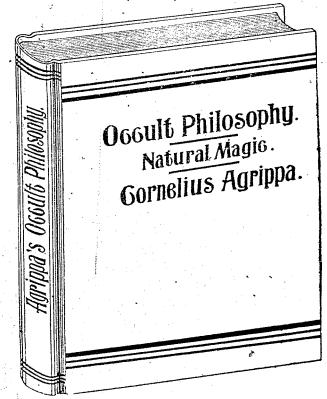
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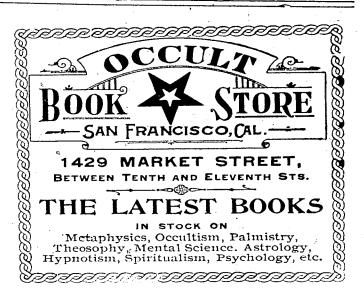
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Mrs. Ada Foye is yet located, and is still giving readings in her parlors, 1423 Market St., San Francisco.

A General Conference of those interested in spiritualistic work will be held next Sunday at 11 a.m. in the new headquarters of the California State Spiritualists' Association, room 63, 305 Larkin St. Mrs. Sarah Seal will preside. The special subject for consideration will be: "Lyceum Work; How to Make it a Success." All are invited to be present and take part in the discussion. There will be no collection nor charge for admission.

The John Committee of the various societies having in charge the matter of securing suitable headquarters for Spiritualist societies in San Francisco, has leased a handsome suite of rooms on the third floor of the Supreme Court Building. These rooms will be the home of the Sunflower League, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Mediums' Protective Association, and of the State Association. The possession of the room was taken last Saturday. They are neat, commodious and easily accessible.

At the Meeting of the Progressive Spiritualists' Society last Sunday evening, Mrs. R S. Lillie delivered a very interesting address in answer to the question, "Are there any human beings so imperfectly organized as to be unable to give expression to the soul-force?" The answer to the question was ably handled, and then this question was asked: "Does the individual mind ever reach perfection?" She said: "It does not, because the mind is finite and must ever remain finite; the way of progression is eternal, reaching ever outward, ever onward into the infinitude of time and space." In answer to the question, "Is there happiness for spirits in the first sphere after leaving this physical body?" her guides said we have seen happy spirits in the first sphere of progression because of the fact that they had not discovered the way that leads to higher and better things. Mr. F. T. Lilich presided and Mrs. Cooke was

The Oakland Spiritual Society, beginning Sunday, Oct. 12, will hold Sunday evening meetings.

#### Reception at Oakland.

At the home of Dr. Sol Palinbaum and his good wife, 856% Isabella St., Oakland, Cal., on Wednesday evening, Oct. S, a brilliant reception and a glad welcome was tendered by the Oakland Spiritual Society and many of their invited guests from San Francisco to Mrs. S. Cowell and Mrs. Amanda Smith, who have been absent attending Southern California Camp, and also Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, who visited nearly all of the camps in the Eastern States. As is the custom of this society, the hall was beautifully decorated with flowers.

At 8 o'clock President Stewart, with a pleasing smile, called an audience, which numbered 125, to order, and Mrs. Rebecca Stewart invoked the blessings and guidance of the angel-world. Dr. Sol Palinbaum, by the aid of his guides, spoke words of welcome to the honored guests of the evening. Mrs. Watkins presided at the new organ and the audience joined in singing, "Joy to the World." The chairman called for Mr. J. Shaw Gillespie, president of the State Association, who, in brief and well-defined words, outlined the work which he hoped would be accomplished during the year in the interest of Spiritualism and organization. Vice-president Chase emphasized the need of united and aggressive action among all Spiritualists Secretary Jones stated that he was in receipt of many letters of encouragements and congratulations on the result of the recent convention, closing with the prediction "That with the present Board and our efficient State Organizer, Mr. Brown, Oalifornia will eventually become the Banner State Association." Allen Franklin Brown was then called on and in a brief address gave interesting data concerning his work and the very cordial manner in which he has been received by the societies and friends in this portion of the

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie followed in her happy way and responded to the warm welcome of the friends. She said she could see that every face present beamed with joy and gladness. Every heart throbbed with love and sympathy one for the other. Even the beautiful flowers that peeped through the leaves and branches which decorated the ceilings seemed to smile and say: "Glad to see you."

Mrs. Cowell and Mrs. Smith gave expressions that were "heart promptings." Mrs. Riesenweber and Master Robbie Faller each gave a recitation; Mr. Geo. Campbell, Mrs. Anna E. Wadsworth and others added words of encouragement.

Dr. and Mrs. Palinbaum were recipients of beautiful souvenirs by Mrs. Cowell and Mrs. Smith (brought from Los

Angeles).

At 10 o'clock the meeting was closed and in a few minutes the hall and the adjoining rooms were transformed as if by magic into a palace of feasting, and over 100 persons seated to tables bountifully supplied with good things to satisfy the inner man, and thus closed an evening of solid enjoyment and a feast of reason and flow of soul.

weekly reception of its friends and stranger guests was held as usual last Thursday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. The program consisted of some explanation of the Brotherhood "Aims and Objects," by Dr Phelon: a paper on "Destiny" by E.R Rockwood, and music by Mrs. Katherine Tuttle, accompanied by Mrs. Francese Rogers. These receptions are open to whoever is interested in thinking outside of ruts, at 509 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco.

Disease Thought Created was the title of Henry Harrison Brown's lecture Sunday night at Odd Fellows' Building. He claimed that since Thought had power to move an arm, or to convey a body up stairs, or, what is the same thing, since a person thought to go, and Life took the body, Thought, in similar manner, controlled all the expressions of Life. To think of sickness made one sick, just as to think of walking made one walk. All illness is the result of Thought conditions. Auto-suggestion causes all sickness, and when a person learns to think properly he will never be sick. Next Sunday his theme will be, "The Great Law of Life."

Mme. Young held her usual meeting last Sunday evening at 605 McAllister St., San Francisco, and gave psychometric readings and spirit messages galone, after an interesting lecture by Mrs. Seal.

Mrs.C.J. Meyer's Meeting last Sunday, at 335 McAllister St., San Francisco, was very interesting because of the spirit messages received through her organism.

Mrs. Ada Foye was greeted by a large audience last Sunday evening in Prospect Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, San Francisco, Cal. Mr. W T. Jones pre-sided and Mr. C. H. Wadsworth was usher. Mrs. Foye's guides gave an interesting lecture on "Mediumship and How to Attain it." after which spirit messages were given to the audience for an hour, which were not only satisfactory and convincing, but in many cases absolutely astonishing. Every message and spirit name announced were fully recognized, except one, and that name was for a foreigner who could not speak the English language, but when the name of the spirit was announced from the platform be did not comprehend it and hence did not recognize it. Upon being told afterward that the message was for him he was astonished. Mrs. Foye will continue these meetings in the same hall until further notice.

at 3 p m., at Fraternal Hall, Oakland, was opened by Mr. Young, who was followed by Dr. Anderson, Mrs. S. Johnston and Messrs. Sibert and Burnham. Mrs. Johnston then gave biological delineations that were appreciated. At the evening meeting Mrs. Dr. Stewart read sealed letters and messages were given by Mrs. Reisenweber. Every seat was occupied.

"Is the World Tending Toward a Universal Religion?" will be the subject discussed in five-minute speeches, Sunday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m., with readings by Mrs. Johnston. Mrs. Stewart, assisted by other talent, will give independent messages in the evening.

ceum is growing. The attendance last Sunday was the best in recent times, and the work was exceptionally clever and interesting. Mr. C.H. Wadsworth led in the singing, followed by the new calisthenics under the leadership of Miss Georgiana Campbell, the winner of the prize the preceding Sunday. Miss Ida Foulsham gave an exhibition drill, going through the various evolutions in a skillful way. Miss May Currier gave a recitation, "Go and Try," followed by a reading by Mr. W.T. Jones, entitled "Live for Something." There were several visitors, among the number being Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Cullum of Healdsburg; Mrs. J. K. Rawlinson (nee Nettie Cohn) and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walker and their little girl, and Mrs. Lincoln and grandchild. It is expected that State Organizer Allen Franklin Brown will be present next Sunday.

Mrs. C. Wermouth at 117 Larkin St., last Sunday evening, gave convincing messages to a large audience, with names, which were all recognized. Mr. Mountain favored the meeting with some remarks and songs; recitations and songs by Edith Dashwood.

The Oakland Temple Association held meetings last Sunday afternoon and evening. Next Sunday there will be a concert, and on Oct. 29 a benefit masquerade ball will be given at Pythian Hall, 344 12th St.

The Lecture given by Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie Sunday evening at Fraternal Hall, Alcazar Building, was well attended. The subject was "Spiritual Gifts." It was a fine address, closing with spirit messages, all clear-cut and fully recognized. (A pleasing feature of these meetings is the choir of young ladies, including Mrs. Fred Manchester, Miss Lota Armstrong, Miss Leah Ford, Miss Mabel Pfeifer, Miss Edith Norton and Miss Gladys Lehning). Messrs. Gillespie and Manchester's duet, and Mr. Manchester's solo, were given in a manner that called forth much applause. These meetings will continue through the season.

J.S. GILLESPIE.

Edward Earle has returned and is located at 328 Ellis St., San Francisco.

The Ladies' First Spiritual Aid Society, at its meeting held on Wednesday, Oct. 8, decided to devote an hour at each meeting in making up fancy and useful articles for sale. All artists in needlework are requested to bring material and necessary instruments.

Stockton.—President Fred Hardy of the Stockton Society writes as follows: "The State Organizer (Mr. Brown) came unexpectedly last Saturday morning, and we soon arranged matters so as to hold a meeting Saturday evening at the parlors of Mr. and Mrs. Weatherwax. On Sunday afternoon and evening we held meetings in Jury Hall, there being a good attendance, and Mr. Brown gave a very interesting lecture at each session. Our Society now numbers 40 members. Next Tuesday, Oct. 21, Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie is to be here and give us a lecture at Pioneer Hall, and we are all looking forward with pleasure to that event. We hope to have a good attendance."

#### Societies and Meetings

#### Society of Progressive Spiritualists

Holds regular meetings every Sunday evening at 7:30, in Covenant Hall, on the third floor of the Odd Fellows' Building, corner of Seventh and Market Sts. Mrs. R. S. Lillie is engaged as the speaker for the present season.

Mrs. Ada Foye.—Meetings for spirit messages and tests every Sunday evening at 7:30 in Prospect Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, corner of Seventh and Market Sts. Fourth floor; take elevator.

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie will open a season of lectures in Fraternal Hall, Alcazar Building, O'Farrell St., San Francisco, beginning Sunday evening, Oct. 5, 1902. You are cordially invited to come and bring your friends. Lecture begins at 7:45 p.m. Good music. Second floor, front; take elevator.

Ladies' Aid Society business and social meetings every Wednesday at 2 p.m. in headquarters of the State Association, 305 Larkin St. Take elevator.

Children's Progressive Lyceum meets every Sunday morning at 909 Market St., San Francisco, at 10:30. Free spiritual library. Visitors welcome. C. H. Wadsworth.

The Independent Free Thought Bible Spiritualist Society meets at 909 Market St., S.F., (front hall), every Sunday. 11 a.m. meeting, free. 2 & 8 p.m., spirit messages by local mediums. 10c.

#### Col. Hopkins' Propaganda Fund.

The Hermetic Brotherhood resumed open meetings on Thursday evening, Oct. 2, at 8 o'clock, at 509 Van Ness avenue.

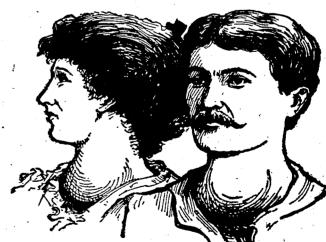
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The American Institute of Phrenology, incorporated 1866, opens its next session, Sept. 3, 1902. For particulars, apply to the secretary, M. H. Piercy, care of Fowler & Wells Co., 24 East 22nd St., New York. 29m3

C. Cushing, last seen at San Jose, will learn something of great advantage by writing to "Laurel Wreath," care of Philosophical Journal, (1429 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.) 42t4

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#### Draught from Sweet Memory's Cup

How often I feast on a sweet wrinkled

All framed in soft tresses of gray; For pictured before me is mother's sweet Long torn from my sad heart away.

But sadness is softened while Memory

Doth come like an angel to bless, For moments of hardship and sorrowing

Bring longings for mother's caress.

For greater the joy, although absent from sight,

The face of a mother so true: To feel her sweet presence press. closely to night,

With love that is ever anew. MRS. CAARLES H. TOBY.

# \*BORDERLAND\*-

#### Engineer's Premonition.

The Tribune says that as one of the fast trains on the Chicago and Northwestern railway was running through Evanston just before daylight on Sept. 8, the engineer, Wm. Campton, was seized with a feeling that the track ahead was not clear. Signal and switch lights were set for clear track, and the brilliant electric headlight showed no obstacle in front of the engine. The feeling would not leave him, and although he could see no reason for the action, he shut off the steam and set the air brakes. The train came to a stop just north of Central St. Conductor M. Brown came running forward and made inquiries of Engineer Campton. "There is something wrong, but I do not know what it is," said the engineer. "Let's investigate a little."

The trainmen took lanterns and went ahead. Under the front end of the pilot they found a young man lying between the rails. If the engine had gone ten feet farther he would have been crushed. He was unconscious and help was summoned from the police station. He was taken to Dr. Hemenway's office, and after a short time regained consciousness. He gave his name as John Goudie, 2615 West Railroad Ave. He had been employed as a watchman at a new building, and had been taken ill during the even ing. About one o'clock he left the building to go home, and fainted on the railroad track. But for the premonition of Engineer Campton he would have been cut to pieces. As it was, the pilot struck his head, inflicting two scalp wounds. This is good substantial evidence of spirit power.

#### WHAT IS SPIRITUALISM?

R. H. KNEESHAW.

'Tis the heightening and the brightening of the soul, Tis the light of inspiration that unites us with the whole;

Tis the rising of the spirit from its tenement of clay,

'Tis the entry of the spirit to the realms of perfect day: Tis the rending of the grave-clothes and the rolling of the stone.

'Tis the meeting in the garden, of the soul, with God'alone;

'Tis the counting of the vanities of life as merely dross,

'Tis the anguish and the sorrow and the triumph of the cross; 'Tis the drinking of the hyssop and a bearing of the scorn,

'Tis the glory and the grandeur of the resurrection morn;

'Tis the crown of thorns upon the brow, the scourging with the rod,

'Tis the casting all the beast aside—the putting on of God.

—The Sermon.

#### Proofs of Spirit Agency.

Experiments have been made in Melbourne under strict test conditions with results which are quite astonishing. The Harbinger of Light sums up the matter in these words:

Here are tangible proofs of spirit agency. They are solid, incontrovertible facts not to be got rid of by argument or ridicule. You can weigh them, measure them, handle them, scrutinize them with the utmost minuteness. All the semiscientific jargon about telepathy, unconscious cerebration, hallucination, the subliminal consciousness. teleological automatism, cryptomnesia, the disaggregation of personality, etc., which is talked by puzzle-headed pseudo-scientists, is powerless when opposed to the

evidence of the senses in phenomena of this kind.

Here is a medium in deep trance, seated in a chair at a large table. surrounded by a dozen or so of intelligent and watchful observers. On each side is a vigilant onlooker who would perceive the slightest movement on his part; but he does not stir hand or foot. Presently a heavy substance is heard to fall from the ceiling apparently, and this proves to be an object which no money could purchase at the moment in Melbourne. It may be the swathings of a mummy from Thebes, with the sand of Egypt clinging to its fibers; it may be a head dress worn by the hill tribes of India; it may be a living bird and its nest from the tropics; it may be a manuscript from Susa or Persepolis; it may be coins of early

Rome or ancient Greece: it may be live fish and moist seaweed from the South Pacific, or the personal ornaments of an African chief on the banks of the Congo. There they are! Who brought them? Not the medium; not any human being assembled in the circle. Then "Unde derivantur?" That is the question.

#### The Doctrine of Karma.

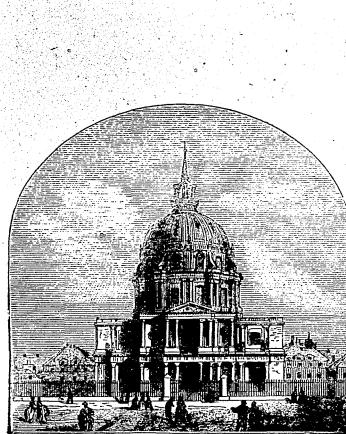
WM. EMMETTE COLEMAN.

"Re incarnation is as unreasonable as it would be to expect a ship leaving the Thames without a compass to go as direct to the city of New York as if guided by a needle pointing to the polar star. It is to me surprising that anyone living in the full blaze of the nineteenthcentury intelligence could entertain the idea of man returning to his elementary condition." - DANIEL BAKER, in the Agnostic Journal. Jan. 18, 1890, p. 46.

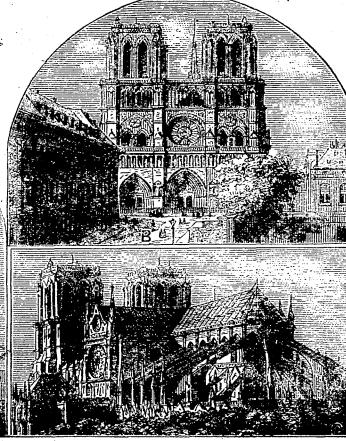
It is said that sometimes, through accumulation of bad karma. "loss of the soul" ensues. We learn from Prasnottara, No. 33, p. 134, that in such cases, "the real culprit" is the lower ego, but that "the sufferer is the higher individuality, since it has lost all its efforts and experiences that would have been gained through the lost personality." What great injustice! The higher individuality, though innocent, has to suffer for what the lower

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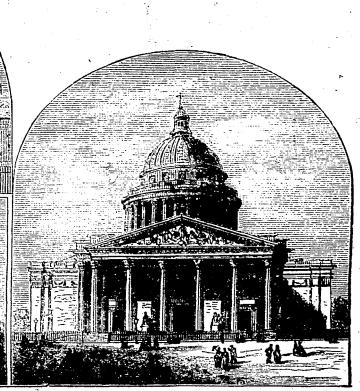
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ego does! Commenting upon the theory that our present suffering is the just recompense for past wrong-doing, a writer says (Agnostic Journal, Jan. 18, 1890, 44): "What! all the woe endured by the helpless and innocent merited and necessary to meet the demands of eternal justice? All the disease and anguish endured by little children, possibly at the hands of those whose duty it is to shield them (and thus frustrate 'karma'), merited, because, according to the requirements of Theosophic justice, some hoary-headed old egos—most abominable intruders—have taken up their abode in them!" J.H. Beatty, in criticism of the 'law of karma,' which he calls "the irrational product of ill-regulated conscience," well remarks: "To punish a woman or a man for a crime of which conscience declares them innocent, is fiendish cruelty. . To tell a poor sickly child, who is a hunchback through the carelessness of its nurse, that its condition and suffering are fully deserved, and merely the just reward of its own wickedness, is to act the part of a heartless devil. This is the part acted by Theosophy toward all human suffering and disease, whether inherited or the result of carelessness or malice. People who do not believe in transmigration of souls think pityingly of persons so afflicted, and regard them as victims. Theosophy tells them to their teeth that their miseries are deserved, self-earned that they are criminals caught in the toils." (Agnostic Journal, Mch. 12, 1890, 173, 174)

It has been truthfully said that, "viewed from a moral point, the doctrine of karma, instead of being an incentive to morality, is rather apt to have the opposite effect, for every first incarnation abolishes the sense of identity, and with it the consequences of wrong doings, as far as they reflect on the individual soul." (Harbinger of Light, Nov. 1, 1890, p. 4285). Callous selfishness and indifference to suffering is a necessary corollary of the acceptance of the doctrine that the miserable in this life are just what they ought to be, and that those more happily situated are so because karma has placed them in that position. "If the well-to-do are taught that moral merit is the sole cause of their superior position, will not such a belief modify their feelings of commiseration for the suffering and distress they see around them?" (Ashworth, in London Chronicle, Oct. 1, 1891). "Karma made the poor man poor as a consequent of the misdeeds of a former life. Therefore let him be poor, since he is only suffering for his own misdeeds. Karma sent a man to Avitchi [hell] to outwork his karma, and if that were so; why was he brought back to work out another karma on earth? It sent another man to Davachan [heaven] as the result of his goo lness and spirituality, and brought the unhappy man back again presumably as a compensation for the joys he had experienced there. It was the bitters after dinner instead of before it. However, Karm made the world what it was; everything was right, no matter how wrong it was. People were unhappy as a consequence of their karma. Why should we lift our little finger to put the thing straight if karma was a truth? -Pushed to its extreme. the dogma of karma becomes a cold, callous doctrine, bloodthirsty, leech like, one that would eat into the vitals of human endeavor; a doctrine that would paralyze every noble impulse, and nip every in-

stinct of fraternal love in the bud. that would destroy the brotherhood we aimed to build up—a doctrine that would blight every feeling of comradeship; a doctrine that said to the strong, 'Hold and keep! You have the right to hold. Keep, for it is your karma!' That said to the weak: 'Suffer, for you have deserved to suffer. There is no help for you. It is your karma!' A doctrine that would make human life a very hell, and humanity a drove of devils embodied in human, forms." (J.J. Morse, in Two Worlds, Sept. 8, 1893, 421, 422).

Theosophists teach that the

afflictions, sufferings and evils of this life, great and small, are the natural results of our karma. "Have you a sick headache? Go to the T.S. and they will tell you it is your karma. Have you been run over and got a broken leg? The Blavatsky pupil will console you by promptly informing you that it is your karma. Is your house on fire? Sit down, my dear sir, be quiet; it is your karma." (M. L. Farrington, "Mystic Society of Universal Row," 21). If you stub your toe, sit on a tack, slip on the ice, are thrown down by a banana peel, run a splinter in your hand. get cinders in your eyes,—it is your karma, the exact punishment due you for offenses committed when you were not yourself, but 'some other fellow," say 1,500 or 3,000 years ago. Karma is so inexorable that, after lapse of thousands of years, it forces you to stub your toe or slip on the street, to balance the account against the personality of your predecessor, for some minor offense in the dim and distant past. Probably that predecessor, Nathan in Jerusalem, or Esar Haddon in Nineveh, some 2,000 or 3,000 years ago, had caused some other person to fall on the ground or stub his toe, and now, to strike the karmic balance, the same is meted to you that your predecessor then meted to that other person. "As you sow, so shall you reap," quote the advocates of Charmic sway. Diseases and congenital ailments are due to karma, we are told. "What is this loathsome thing called disease.. but an inharmony that karma has reflected upon the body from inharmonious thought and act?" (Barnett, "Simple Theosophy," 36). "When we see people afflicted by congenital ailments, it may be safely assumed that those ailments are the inevitable results of causes started by themselves in a previous birth." (Mrs. Sinnett, 'Purpose of Theosophy," 10; also quoted by Mme. Blavatsky in "Key to Theosophy," 112, and in Pacific Theosophist, Feb. 1892 p.5). "If a man is born with six fingers on each hand, Theosophy says it is karma... Science makes inquiries and finds that the anomalous finger was inherited by the man. from his own father, and has about as much to do with original sin as the peculiarity of four leaves on a shamrock. If a man contract [a loathsome disease], and gives it to his innocent wife and her innocent child yet unborn, Theosophy teaches that the wife and child are being punished for this terrible infliction for their own sin, and not for that of the brute husband. If concep tion takes place while a father has ultra brutalized himself with drink. and the child is born an idiot, it is, according to Theosophy, the fault of the child, and not of the father. The innocent child, suffering through the wickedness, brutality or ignorance of the parent, is, by

this creed, not considered suffi-

ciently punished already, but must be taught to carry about in its own mind the bitter reflection that it is the author of its own misery, and is being justly crushed in a torturemill of its own manufacture. A falser, or more degrading, and a more fiendishly unjust and cruel doctrine than this has never been enunciated, and if Theosophy were otherwise rational and moral, for this alone I should reject it with loathing." (J.H. Beatty, in Agnostic Journal, Feb. 15, 1890, 108). "Insanity is invariably a matter of karma,"says the Theosophical Forum, No. 28, p. 12.

The microbes or bacilli which cause disease are instruments of karma, we learn from the Theosophist, Dec., 1890, 183. Mr W.Q. Judge said that the deformities of one born humpbacked are caused by his 'karma for thoughts and acts in a prior life. He reviled, persecuted, or otherwise injured a deformed person.. The misshapen child is the karma of the parents also, an exact consequence for similar acts and thoughts on their part in other lives." ("Ocean of Theosophy," 92). According to this, three persons in former lives in some manner injured deformed persons; in revenge, therefor, karma condemns one of them to be born a hunchback, and the other two to be its parents. What equality of justice is in this,—to punish one in one manner, and the other two in a different manner, for a similar offense? Why were not the two parents condemned to be themselves deformed, instead of to the much lighter punishment of having a deformed child? Again, what equity is there in a person being punished throughout his entire life on earth (as one deformed must necessarily be) for that infinitesimal part of the acts of a former life in which the injury was done to the deformed? During that former life, a large number of other offenses, great and small, must have been committed; yet for one offense, or one small series of offenses, against one person, the entire life of the next incarnation is clouded. So called karmic justice is seen to be rank injustice, a mockery of all that is fair and equitable. If one is deformed because of injury to another deformed person, what caused the deformity of the one injured? He must have been deformed for the reason that he also had been unjust to one deformed in a previous life; and that third misshapen one must, in his turn, have misused some deformed person; and so on ad infinitum. We have thus an unbroken line of deformed men and women, all of whom have been illtreated by others, and all of whom have ill-treated other misshapen persons in former lives.—a conception of nature truly mahatmic! But what caused the deformity in the first of the deformed beings? If they became deformed without having ill-treated those who were not properly shaped, why could not all the subsequent hunchbacks, etc., have arisen without having abused their ill shapen predecessors? Karmic law is impartial, uniform, unfailing; and if in one instance it originates a hunchback not as a punishment for ill-usage of another " hunchback, it must do so in all cases; hence, no hunchback or other misshapen being has ever been so shaped as a punishment for such an offense. "If you laugh too much at a humpbacked man, you will be re-born with a hump yourself," says theosophy. (Light, Oct 28, 1893, 518). How dispro-

portionate the penalty to the offense!

If the bacilli, diseases, and deformities in man are due to karma, what causes the same things in animals. and even in plants? Plants have diseases and misshapen parts, and are the prey of insects and other enemies. Animals havs many diseases similar to man, in some of which, if not all, the bacteria and bacilli are active agents. They have deformities and monstrosities also. But we are told that animals have no moral responsibility, just as some of the lowest types of men have none, and so are not under the law of karma. If diseases and deformities are not caused by karma in animals and plants, how can they be due to karma in the human? The same physical laws that produce them in the lower kingdom cause them in man; and to introduce a new agent, to the exclusion of those known to be dominant in nature, is a scientific absurdity. It is positively known that disease, insanity, deformity, etc., in man and animal. are due to certain fixed laws in nature; and the action of karma is an impossibility, a wild dream, the outgrowth of ignorance and superstition. The belief in its existence and action, as claimed, is an insult to common sense,—a disgrace to every intelligent European or American, who has sunk to such a depth of imbecility and puerility as to accept its truth. The same remark applies to its twin relic of barbarism—re incarnation.

#### Communion.

WM. J. COWEN.

Competition begets harmony. At first sight this seems to be an inconsistency, but a more thorough study of the subject will convince you of the contrary. Competition brings out that which is best and most perfect on both sides. Two minds of opposite thought upon coming into contact with one an other will immediately bring forth the sparks of electrical discord; but after the storm has passed and the intervening elements of discord removed, then follows the period of harmony which nature requires to bring about the ultimate good of all.

Without competition there would be no opposition. Without opposition, there would be no progression. Therefore, you at once perceive what a factor competition is in the realm of spiritual thought. Let a pool of water remain stagnant and it becomes the reservoir of all things foul, but let opposing elements in the shape of currents of water disturb the pool and in the turmoil which ensues, all effete matter vanishes. For example: A body of people joined together by tae ties of common thought, soon stagnates, unless an opposing element, such as a more liberal and different mind, agitates the main body. From the discord, progress begins; after progress follows harmony.

The history of the ages gone by illustrates this principle. The Roman Catholic church stagnated in the pool of its own thought for ages, the result being ignorance and suppression of all thought, contrary to the will of the head of the church. An opposing element arose, and with the staff of truth Martin Luther stirred the stagnant pool of ecclesiastical thought, and the result has shown itself in a broader and more perfect form of religious thought.

Competition produces opposition, opposition begets progress, and the world takes another step higher into the brighter realm of perfect harmony. More than half a century has passed away since the first rappings heard in the obscure home of the Fox family have come thundering through the years which followed.

A new force (new to the present) time, although not unknown to the ancients) came into existence, and entered into competition with the prevailing thought of the age. Outof the opposition resulting between the new and old forces of thought, much truth has been brought to the surface. Progression has gained another foothold, and made another stride upward. The opposing elements are harmonizing with each. other slowly and surely until perfect harmony and communion will reward the searchers into the truth of nature's laws.

Spartansburg, Pa.

#### Report of N.S.A. Missionaries

Mr. E. W. Sprague and wife made a lengthy report at the N. S. A. Convention, from which we cull the following facts:

His labors extended to the following States: West Virginia, Virginia, New York. Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. He reports that he was well received everywhere and organized societies in Richmond, Va. (50 members), Erie, Pa. (42 members), Conneant, Ohio (50 members), Boswell, Ind., Findlay, Ohio (34 members) Chardon, Ohio (16 members). Middlefield. O. [23] Lancaster, Pa., Lawton, Mich., Rensselear, Ind., Lowell, Ind., Sedalia, Ind., Versailles, Ind., Tell City, Ind., Stephenson, Ind., Chrisney, Ind., Terre Haute, Ind., Buckwalter, Ohio. Springfield, O., Tidionte, Pa., Van Wert, O, Williamsport, Pa, besides building up many older societies. They

"The Society in Wheeling, West Va., which was organized last year, now numbers 110 members and is flourishing.

'At Pittsburg, Pa., we held a joint meeting, with Mr and Mrs. G. W. Kates in the Sixth St. Church under the auspices of the Spiritualist Society, over which Bro. Stevenson, of the N. S. A. Board, presides.

'At Philadelphia. Pa., we filled our seventh annual engagement for one month with the Spiritualist Society over which Thos. M. Lock presides and his wife is treasurer.

"We filled an engagement with the Michigan State Spiritualists' Association, at their Midwinter meeting held at Battle Creek, Mich. This meeting was one of the best Midwinter meetings ever held by the State Association, according to the statement of the State officials. Eight hundred people were packed into the hall and several hundred went away for lack of room.

"The able workers present were at their best. The lectures were first class, commanding the closest attention of the large audiences, and the work of the platform test mediums is seldom excelled. The Battle Creek local society deserves great credit for its kindly assistance and good management of local matters. More money was raised to aid the work of the State Association than at any previous meeting of the kind. It was a grand success in every way.

'At Rochester, Ind., we labored for the society that we resurrected one year ago last November. It

has done excellent work, having kept a regular speaker most of the time ever since. This society and the Cause at large lost a true friend last April, when Major Bitters passed away. He was the father of Spiritualism in Rochester, and is still an inspiration to the workers that make up this band of faithful souls.

"Harry J. Moore, a rising young speaker of our ranks, has done excellent work as a settled speaker for this society, and is engaged for the coming Winter. Mr. Moore had prepared the way by securing the candidate, and we publicly received 26 people into full membership in this society. All were young people excepting two.

"Our missionary work of last year saved this society for the grand work it is now doing."

"Oct. 1 closes one of the most active years of labor in our experience. During the year we held 305 meetings, which is an average of over 25 meetings per month, and nearly six meetings per week, for the entire year, including the month of our vacation.

"Besides this, we took part in many conferences and meetings at conventions, camp-meetings, etc., all of which are not included in the number.

"This year we organized and chartered 23 new societies and reorganized and reinstated four more, making in all 27 societies added to our organization. The average membership of these societies is 26 each, and the total membership is 700. We visited 30 of the old societies, 17 of which were among those that we organized last year. This took considerable of our time, though it did a great deal of good.

"Every society should be visited by missionaries at least once each year

"Nearly all the societies we have organized during the last two years are doing good work, and many are doing it where little or nothing was being done before.

We have organized 39 societies in the State of Indiana in the last two years of our missionary work, and we think with this number there should be a State Association formed.

"Total expenditure for the year ending Oct. 1, 1902, \$1.787.41; total receipts, \$1,411.53; balance, \$375.88. This leaves a total cost to the N.S.A. of \$375.88. or a trifle over \$1.23 over and above receipts, for each meeting held.

"The per capita dues and collections" from the 700 members of these 27 societies will more than pay the deficit in two years' time, and the National and State Associations will have the societies left.

"The purpose of this explanation is to show that missionary work, from a financial point of view, is profitable to both National and State organizations. When viewed from a spiritual standpoint, its value cannot be estimated, as the cause of truth, of justice, of human freedom, and the knowledge of a continued life beyond the grave, are investments the value of which are measureless.

"We have been missionaries for the NS. A. the entire nine years of its existence—the first seven years without salary. During this time we have organized and chartered more than 100 societies. Each year's experience tends to confirm the belief that missionary work is of the most vital importance to the success of our movement.

"What is very much needed by our societies at the present time.

especially those we have organized, is a classified course of reading which should include the philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism. The societies that have followed our advice by forming reading circles for the study of Spiritualism, have invariably succeeded.

"Therefore, we would respectfully suggest that this convention take into consideration the utility of appointing a committee to select and arrange a course of reading and study that may be recommended and furnished to local societies by the N.S.A.

"If this movement is properly managed, we believe it will be the means of adding many societies to our organization, as well as to build up our weak ones, and make them strong.

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Tell this poor spirit, pent in dying flesh,
This fighting, working, praying, prisoned soul,
Why it is trapped and strangled in the mesh
Of foolish Life and Time? Its wild young

Calls for release, unanswered and unstilled— It sought not out this world, it had no choice Of other worlds where glory is fulfilled.

How hard to live at all, if living be
The thing it seems to us! The few brief years
Made up of toil and sorrow, where we see
No joy without companionship of tears!
What is the artist's fame?—the gilden chords
Of rapt musician? or the poet's themes?
All incomplete! The nailed down coffin boards
Are mocking sequels to the grandest dreams.

O, we are sorrowful, my soul and I:
We war together fondly yet we pray
For separate roads; the Body fain would die
And sleep i' the grand, low hidden from the

The Soul erect, its large wings cramped for room.

Doth pantingly and passionately rebel, Against this strange, uncomprehended doom Called Life, where nothing is or shall be well.

Hear me, my Star! star of my natal hour;
Thou calm, unmoved one amid all clouds!
Give me my birth-right—the imperial sway
Of thought supreme above the common crowds.
O, let me feel thy swift compelling beam
Drawing me upwards to a goal divine;
Fulfill thy promise, O thou glittering dream,
And let one crown of victory be mine.

Let me behold this world recede and pass Like shifting mist upon a stormy coast, Or vision in a necromancer's glass; For I, 'mid perishable earth can boast Of proven Immortality; can reach Glories ungrasped by minds of lower tone: Thus, in a silence vaster than all speech I follow thee, my Star of Love, alone!

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Public Libraries generally are getting into the hands of old fogies and bigots—so that, if new thought and liberal books are enlisted at all, when called for they are almost always said to be "out," and that there is such a long list of "calls" for it, that there is no hope to be indulged in for getting it. This is a novel way to set up a "censorship" on literature, and prevent the public from the perusal of tabooed books! But the onward march of progressive thought cannot be stopped by any such maneuvering.

Creeds Ontgrown is the title of a lecture just published by the Rev. Andrew P. Stout, Sheridan, Ind. He is very progressive and liberal, and advocates 'a broad, advanced and liberal platform of universal love and salvation, here and now; denies the existence of the trinity; disputes the efficacy of blood atonement and the power of Jesus to save, except through the following of his righteous example, and admits the same power and possibility in every child of man."

There are thousands of ministers who would gladly throw off the bondage of "creeds" they have really "outgrown"—were it not for the salaries they would at the same time have to sacrifice. The injustice, inconsistency and slavery of the creedal system is too grevious to be much longer borne by men who dare to think. Freedom and Progression are the watchwords of the Twentieth Century.

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, after a prolonged Summer engagement at the camps, etc., has returned to her home in Rogers Park, Chicago, and will resume her labors in that city.

#### A Wonderful Discovery.

"Turning lightning flashes into food," is the somewhat startling headline of an article in the New York World of Aug. 17. It appears from this article that an invention has been perfected, and is now being successfully operated at Niagara Falls, for manufacturing nitrates directly out of the atmosphere by means of electricity. As is well known to scientists, the soil is becoming rapidly depleted of its native nitrates, owing to the vast crops of grain, as well as other forms of vegetation which it yearly produces.

It is said that there is annually wasted, in the sewage of towns and cities, nitrogen to the value of \$100,000,000. With this enormous drain upon the supply of earth's nitrates, and with no means in sight of replenishment, save through fertilizers — the chief of which, guano, is already nearly exhausted —it is apparent that the world was about to confront the problem of starvation.

According to Sir William Crookes, we are now using at the rate of 1,200,000 tons of nitrates yearly. Within 30 years we will require 12,000,000 tons to bring the grain crop up to the requisite standard. Where, he asks, is it to be found?

It will be seen, therefore, that the discovery of manufacturing these nitrates direct from the air solves one of the most important problems in the world's advancement. But this is only the beginning. Food itself at no distant day will be made direct from the atmosphere by chemical processes.

Miss Ida Craddock, an author and enthusiast on educating people concerning their physical nature and reproductive organs, committed suicide on Oct. 17, in New York, by inhaling gas. She had learned that her mother was planning to incarcerate her in an insane asylum, or to have her sent to prison again, and so ended her physical life. She was pastor of the 'Church of the Yoga" in Chicago, and a very intelligent and cultured lady. She was the victim of malice, and her mother, to save her reputation and social standing, was willing to sacrifice her daughter, and shut her up in an insane asylum for life.

She published two small pamphlets on her pet theme, and for circulating them through the U.S. mails, she was arrested and sent to jail by the Anthony Comstocks who can find obscenity in a pure presentation of a scientific treatise on the physical body, and persecute its author for its transmission through the U.S. mails, but who can find no word of condemnation for mailing all the soul-destroying and vile. trash of the character of the Police Gazette, and the thousands of immoral Dick-Turpin stories which corrupt the minds of the rising generation by depicting the adventures of daring highwaymen and

murderous outlaws. Out upon such prudery!

The National Convention assembled in Boston, Mass., on Oct. 21, closing on Oct. 24. The report of the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, will be found in this issue of the JOURNAL.

The report of the president is very voluminous, embracing all the topics interesting to Spiritualists, and recommending action thereon by the Convention.

President Barrett mentions the tide of popular favor which has been moving forward in the efforts of co-operation and organization. He has also given the evidences of the increasing interest in psychic subjects, articles thereon being printed in the daily papers throughout the country by clergymen, scientists and scholars generally which were having their effect upon the people everywhere. His concluding remarks are as follows:

The close of the ninth year of its existence finds the N. S. A. stronger in the affections of the masses than ever before. It has added somewhat to its membership during the year, has made itself felt in spiritualistic circles in helpful ways, and has shown all friends of freedom that it has become a permanency in the work of giving religious liberty to humanity. It deserves the loyal, undivided support of every progressive, honest Spiritualist, and I bespeak for it the united aid of an earnest, honest. grateful people throughout all of the coming years.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:  $\operatorname{Sec}$ . Mary T. Longley gave a detailed report of the work during the past year, which is very satisfactory, showing that 28 societies had been chartered during the year and a vast amount of detailed work had been accomplished. She mentioned the magnanimous offer of the treasurer, Theo. J. Mayer, which is detailed elsewhere in this JOURNAL, and expressed the hope that his generous offer would be accepted and made a reality by the Convention's action.

STATEMENT OF FINANCES.

The financial reports of the sec retary and treasurer are issued. This gives an itemized account of all moneys received and expended. The total balance in the treasury on Oct. 1, 1902, was \$12,655.07. This belongs to seven different funds. The expenses for the past year were \$10,264.60.

A German Temple was dedicated to Spiritualism last Sunday, in Lawrence, Mass. Mr. Max O. Gentzke, editor of Lichstrahlen, delivered the dedication address in German, and Mrs. May S. Pepper delivered one in English. There was a large audience and much enthusiasm.

The Cost of Living has increased at least 40 per cent. within the past five years, as proven by statistics. The "trusts" now control everything, and it is time to call a halt.

Thought wields a tremendous power—transforming the environments of man and even his own physical body. It works out multitudes of inventions and makes possible what has heretofore considered to be impossible. We can see its effect upon the material things surrounding us, but have been too blind to discover its immense possibilities when applied to the physical body. Speaking on this subject, Mrs. Helen Wilmans—Post remarks as follows in Freedom of last week:

The thought that saves is now abroad in the world. The air is full of it, and every day adds to the lucidity of it by the clearing away of race errors. We are going to keep on thinking until absolute knowledge comes. All growth throughout the ages comes from the added power of the creature to think; thought that can save from disease can save from old age and death as well.

Wonders will never cease. It is now shown that hypnotic sleep can be induced through telephone wires when the subject is 20 miles away. The daily papers of last Sunday contained a telegram from Visalia, Cal., which reads as follows:

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Buffalo enjoyed a mass meeting last week, under the auspices of the New York State Spiritualist Association, and then there was a large party made up to go to Bos ton, to attend the National Convention.

W. J. Colville has delivered a course of lectures during the past week in Banner Hall, 204 Dartmouth St., Boston, Mass.

A New Reform has been started, the main object of which is to secure a constitutional amendment to limit the fortunes of millionaires. By it all excess of \$10,000,000 would be forfeited to the United States treasury. It seems to us that the limit might be much smaller, and yet give enough for any one person to hold.

Transition.—Mrs. Emma Nickerson Warne has passed to the spirit-life from the home of her brother at Flushing, Mich. She was the devoted wife of Dr. Geo. B. Warne, president of the Illinois State Association. Mrs. Warne was a graduate of the Homeopathic College in Chicago, and had a good practice. She was materially aided by her excellent mediumship.

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Cold Weather and inability to get coal forced people in Chicago to steal wooden sidewalks and paving blocks. Miles of sidewalks have disappeared, wooden fences have been taken piece by piece, lumber for buildings has disappeared in a night, and general uneasiness is felt for the future.

Somebody has said that thoughts are things. The phrase is unfortunate, because it is misleading and inaccurate. This world is made up of things and forces. Thoughts are more subtle than mere things and far more potential. They are forces which change a man's life for better or for worse.—Rev. Geo. H. Hepworth.

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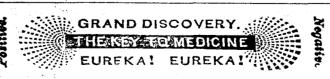
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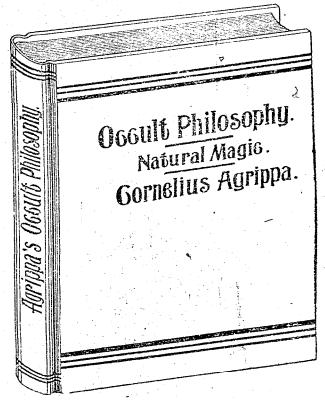
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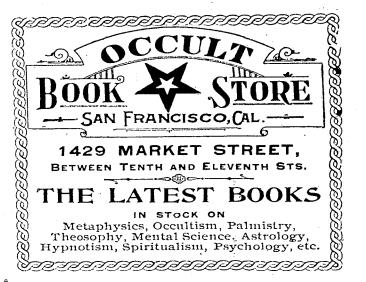
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# Local News Summary.

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Folsom 3044.—This is the number of the telephone at the office of the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.

Mrs. Ada Foye is yet located, and is still giving readings in her parlors, 1423 Market St., San Francisco.

A Conference was held under the auspices of the California State Spiritualists' Association last Sunday at rooms 63 and 64, 305 Larkin St., San Francisco. It was called to order at 11 a.m. by Mrs. Sarah Seal, who presided during three hours with rare tact and skill. The subject for discussion was: "Lyceum Work; How to Make it a Success." A great variety of suggestions were called out, but there was no real conflict of opinion—all agreeing in the

purpose and methods.

Mrs. Stark and W. M. Rider were appointed a committee to wait on the Ladies' Aid and ask them to co-operate with the Lyceum in bringing out the children. Messrs. Goff and Chase were appointed to visit the Lyceum leaders and ask them to call a weekly conference of Lyceum workers. Next Sunday the conference will assemble at 1 p.m., and will be presided over by Mrs. Seal. There will be no admission and no collection.

Mme. Young gave spirit messages and psychometric readings last Sunday evening at 605 McAllister St., San Francisco, after an interesting lecture by Mrs. Sarah Seal. Prof. Young conducted the musical exercises.

The Psychical Society of Oakland met last Sunday morning in Odd Fellows' Hall, 11th and Franklin Sts., with an increased attendance. Mrs. Lillie gave an inspirational lecture and an improvised poem. These meetings will be continued every Sunday morning until further notice.

Mr. and Mrs. J.Shaw Gillespie visited Stockton this week. Mrs. Gillespie spoke on Tuesday evening before the Stockton Spiritual Alliance.

The Oakland Temple Association will give a grand concert next Sunday, at Woodmen Hall, 521 12th St., and a masquerade ball on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Pythian Hall. 377 12th St., for the benefit of the building fund.

At Friendship Hall, 335 McAllister St., San Francisco, last Sunday evening, Mrs. C.J. Meyer held an interesting circle, giving spirit messages and psychometric readings.

The Regular bi-monthly meeting of the Sunflower League was held on Thursday evening, Oct. 16, at the residence of Mrs. Ford, 1812 Sutter St. There was a large attendance and her spacious parlors were well filled. But little business was transacted, the evening being mainly given over to social enjoyment. The Committee on Hall reported that it had secured new headquarters in the Supreme Court Building, where it had rented a large and hand-some suite of rooms. The committee on the dance to be given on Thursday evening, Oct. 30, at 310 O'Farrell St., reported progress and the sale of many tickets. J. Munsell Chase. Mrs. Annie E. Wadsworth, J. Shaw Gillespie and W. T. Jones were named a committee to act as trustees for the League in contracting for the new headquarters, and Mrs. Johnson, W.T. Jones and J. M. Chase were instructed to arrange a program for Thursday evening, Nov. 6, when the League will take possession of its new rooms, 305 Larkin St.

State Organizer Allen Franklin Brown left Wednesday morning for Sacramento, where he resumes his labors in behalf of the State Association, and expects to form an affiliated society there.

The Directors of the California State Spiritualists' Association will hold their regular monthly meeting next Saturday evening, Nov. 1, at the head-quarters, 305 Larkin St.

Mr. Will C. Hodge, an able and pleasant speaker, is serving the First Society of San Diego, Cal., during October. Mrs. Lilly M. Thiebaud is lecturing for the National Ave. Society. The audiences are reported to be good and much interest is manifested.

Fresno has a large number of Spiritualists within its limits, and it would be a good field for an organizer to occupy—uniting the factions and reviving the organization. Some time ago there was a good society there, but it seems to have ceased operations at the present time.

Mr. C. W. Shaw, who has been conducting meetings in San Jose for the past four months, has opened a free spiritual meeting in Durgin and Blakeley Hall, Center St., Berkeley. The meeting last Sunday was well attended, and those present listened earnestly to the lecture by Mr. Shaw on "The Truths of Spiritualism." After the lecture he gave spirit messages to many in the audience, and all were recognized. Mr. W. W. Webber gave interesting experiences, as did Mr. Hann, an old-time worker of Berkeley. These meetings will be held every Sunday until further notice, at 7:45 p.m.

A Fakir has been operating in Alameda, Cal., pretending to be a materializing medium, but only the fees were materialized, which he collected from those present. Beware of strangers who profess great things and change their names as often as convenient.

The Oakland Spiritual Society met at Unity Hall, 856½ Isabella St., Sunday evening, Oct. 19. Dr. Sol Palinbaum became entranced and gave an address. Mr. Allen Franklin Brown, the State Organizer, was present and lectured on subjects given by the audience. Mrs. Riesenweber and Mrs. Amanda Smith followed with tests. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. R. Stewart delivered short addresses.

Mrs. C. Wermouth, at 117 Larkin St., S.F., last Sunday, entertained a large audience with her mediumistic gifts; names given, questions answered. Short speech on "The Philosophy of Spiritualism" and songs by Mr. Mountain. Music by the brilliant little piano-player, Edith Dashwood.

theme upon which Henry Harrison Brown discoursed last Sunday evening to his usual audience. He held that, since man controlled his life's expression through thought, it follows that when he thinks health, happiness and prosperity, he will enjoy these. The difficulty is, that through fear and the recognition of evil, people hold in their minds pictures of disease, sorrow and poverty. Held thus in mind, they are as sure to manifest as realities in the sense life, as are seeds sown by a farmer in Spring sure to manifest as harvest in Autumn. Next Sunday is his regular monthly lecture on Suggestion. His theme then will be: "Think Health and Health will be with You."

Mr. Arthur S. Howe and Mrs. Gilliland Howe, mediums and speakers, are in San Francisco, and have located in rooms 17 and 18, 305 Larkin St., where Mrs. Gilliland Howe will give readings and spirit messages. Last Sunday Evening a good-audience gathered in Covenant Hall. Odd Fellows' Building, to hear Mrs.R.S.Lillie speak under the inspiration of her guides: and it was one of her best efforts. She never spoke in a happier vein and never did her ideas seem to blend better with those of her audience. The consequence was a most happy evening—one that should be fruitful of even better attendance next Sunday. Mr. F.T. Lilich presided and Mrs. Cooke played the organ.

The Lyceum is showing growth and improved interest. There was an increased attendance last Sunday, notwithstanding the fact that several were in attendance upon the State conference, where Lyceum work was under discussion. The morning was spent in singing, going through the calisthenics, concert readings, and in listening to a varied and interesting program of song and recitation by the little folks. Among the visitors present were State Organizer Allen Franklin Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Howe, the missionaries.

Mrs. Ada Foye held a meeting last Sunday evening in Prospect Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, San Francisco, and was greeted by a large audience. Mrs. Tully was pianist and Mr. W. T. Jones presided. After answering a number of questions propounded by the audience, Mrs. Foye's guides conducted the usual seance, giving spirit messages and tests, which were all recognized and appreciated. These meetings will be continued at the same place until further notice every Sunday evening.

The Hermetic Brotherhood open meeting, Thursday evening, Oct. 16, was of more than usual interest. Its main feature was a lecture by Geo. R. Tuttle, on the ancient, Egyptian Hermes, better known as Thoth, and whose wise teachings have come down as part of the elegacy of the Hermetic Brotherhood in its present work on earth. The lecture was followed by a short address by Jas. U. Spence. The music of the evening was furnished by Mesdames Katherine Tuttle and Francese Rogers, always of the best. We offer our visitors a pleasant evening and not unduly late hours. Cor.

Mrs. Kate Hoskins of Los Angeles, a Spiritualist speaker and healer, well known in San Francisco and vicinity, is now on a brief visit to her daughter, Mrs. Burnett, in Oakland. She has fully recovered from her recent illness, and made a pleasant visit at the home of the editor of the Journal, where she is esteemed as a personal friend.

Mrs. D. W. Henderson, whose home formerly has been in Cleveland, Ohio, and who has also had for many years a home at Lily Dale, or Camp Cassadaga, in Chautanqua Co., N. Y., has come to San Francisco to meet her son, Dr. John W. Henderson, who has just returned from Manila after three years in the service of his country. Dr. Henderson was a passenger on board the transport Sherman, which was in quarantine for cholera 21 days, and 51 days on the way from Manila, which fact makes the survivors feel that even after all their trial they are to be considered fortunate in being restored to their waiting friends. Mrs. Henderson and the Doctor will be at home with Mrs. R. S. Lillie at 1896 Geary St. during their stay here

Universal Religion? was the subject discussed at Fraternal Hall, Oakland, Sunday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m. The speakers were Dr. Anderson, Mr. Young, Mr. Seibert, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Fanning and others. Readings were given by Mrs. Johnston. In the evening Dr. Ravlin lectured on "Spiritualism" to a large audience. Mrs. Dr. Stewart gave spirit messages.

Sunday, Oct. 26, conference and readings by local mediums at 8 p.m. In the evening Dr. Ravlin and Mrs. Stewart will occupy the platform.

has an increased attendance in both morning and evening meetings. The morning meeting was very interesting, the subject for general exchange of thought being: "How Shall We Attain to Greater Spirituality?" The following gave short addresses: Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Miller. Mr. Tucker, Mrs. MacMeekin, Mrs. Marcen, Mrs. Newsome and Mrs. Bigelow. In the evening Mrs. Marcen answered questions. Mrs. Newsome also occupied the platform. Mrs. Neilson of Oakland gave satisfactory tests. The Ladies' Aid has resumed its meetings and is making arrangements for a social in the near future. H.L Bigelow.

Chairman Morning Meeting.

Mr.J.Heussmann, who has long been ill, passed to spirit-life last Monday-The funeral was at 1187 Mission St., San Francisco, on Tuesday, and his wife, Mrs. Kate Heussmann, officiated.

#### Societies and Meetings

Society of Progressive Spiritualists

Holds regular meetings every Sunday evening at 7:30, in Covenant Hall, on the third floor of the Odd Fellows' Building, corner of Seventh and Market Sts. Mrs. R. S. Lillie is engaged as the speaker for the present season.

Mrs. Ada Foye.—Meetings for spirit messages and tests every Sunday evening at 8:00 in Prospect Hall, Odd Fellows' Building, corner of Seventh and Market Sts. Fourth floor; take elevator.

Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie will open a season of lectures in Fraternal Hall, Alcazar Building, O'Farrell St., San Francisco, beginning Sunday evening, Oct. 5, 1902. You are cordially invited to come and bring your friends. Lecture begins at 7:45 p.m. Good music. Second floor, front; take elevator.

Ladies' Aid Society business and social meetings every Wednesday at 2 p.m. in beadquarters of the State Association, 305 Larkin St. Take elevator.

Children's Progressive Lyceum meets every Sunday morning at 909 Market St., San Francisco, at 10:30. Free spiritual library. Visitors welcome.

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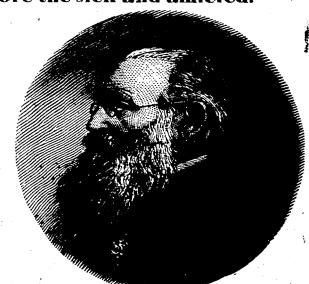
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